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Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (left) and Palestinian Authority deputy chairman Mahmoud Abbas at the start of their meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday evening. (Israel Sun)

Following Abbas-Mordechai meeting:

Israel-PA teams to plan redeployment details

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Palestinian Authority deputy leader Mahmoud Abbas agreed last night that bilateral committees will tackle the issues blocking the IDF's next redeployment in the West Bank and that the principals will meet periodically to assess their progress.

Mordechai and Abbas met for three-and-a-half hours at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv. Afterwards, Mordechai briefed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and US envoy Dennis Ross on the outcome of the talks.

Mohammed Dahlan, head of Palestinian Preventive Security Service, said that while no breakthrough had been reached, the sides had agreed to keep talking and would meet again today.

Mordechai and Abbas shook hands in front of cameras and then held one-on-one talks before bringing in aides.

The tempo, however, fell short of the non-stop negotiations Netanyahu proposed in advance of the Mordechai-Abbas meeting. At a news conference six hours before the talks began, Netanyahu had called for "continuous and intensive negotiations, day and night, until an accord is reached."

Netanyahu then told visiting Jordanian Foreign Minister Jawad Anani that he is determined to advance the negotiations with the Palestinians to reach an agreement and that he is prepared to hold uninterrupted negotiations toward this end.

He also expressed his appreciation for the role that Jordan has played and can continue to play in promoting understanding between Israel and the Palestinians.

Following up his talks on Saturday with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, Anani urged Netanyahu to reach a set of understandings that could allow the IDF's long-pending redeployment to take place.

Abbas picked up this theme when he emerged from the meeting with Mordechai, announcing that bilateral contacts have been resumed and that they will continue until an agreement on the pullback is reached.

"We have discussed all the outstanding issues, dealt with them from all their aspects, and we will follow up in order to hear more ideas, hoping that such an endeavor will lead to a bridging of the sides," Abbas said.

Dahlan said the Israeli team had refused to discuss the US peace initiative.

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Security forces on high alert across country

Bombing attempt in Jerusalem fails as car catches fire

By AMY KLEIN

Security forces went on high alert yesterday across the country, while roadblocks were set up at the entrances to major cities, following a failed attempt to explode a car bomb in the center of Jerusalem.

Pure luck prevented the bombing on Jaffa Road, near Zion Square, as the van – packed with gas canisters, flammable liquids and kilos of nails – caught fire before the terrorist could successfully detonate it.

The terrorist, Jalal Roumani, who suffered severe burns, was in critical condition last night at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem.

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General Security Service officials charged that police and the IDF were responsible for allowing Roumani – a Hamas activist banned from entering the country – into Israel, Channel 2 reported last night.

Roumani had served 20 months in prison after being convicted in 1990 for his involvement with Hamas.

Roumani, a construction worker and father of three, is a resident of Al-Amri refugee camp north of Ramallah. The camp is in Area A, which is under full Palestinian control.

Police are investigating whether Roumani prepared the components of his car bomb in Jerusalem, after he had bypassed Israeli checkpoints.

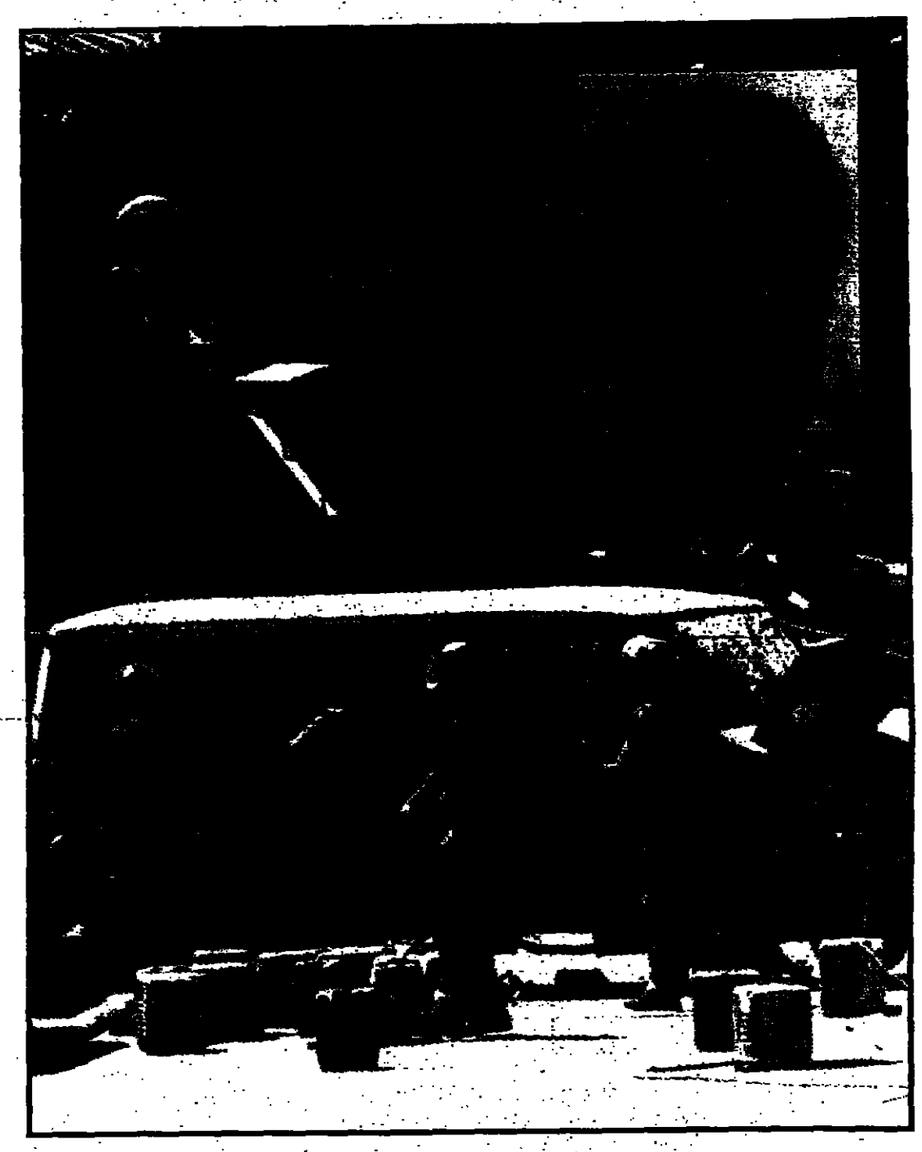
Police said the van contained 600 liters of an unspecified "flammable liquid" in plastic containers, three gas canisters manufactured in the territories and dozens of kilograms of nails, that, had the bomb exploded, could have ripped through anything within an 80-meter radius.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu referred to the abortive suicide bombing as a stimulus to reach an agreement on effective anti-terrorist measures with the Palestinian Authority.

Speaking at a news conference, Netanyahu said: "We must insist on our demands regarding the removal of the terrorist infrastructure [in the West Bank and Gaza Strip] to prevent future attacks."

Later, he stressed the gravity of the incident. "We are not reconciled to the current situation," he said. "We know, as I have said countless times, that there can be a terrorist attack at any minute. There almost was one.

"To limit the danger of additional terrorist attacks we must insist that the Palestinians uphold their part of the agreement and see to it that the areas handed over to them do not turn into more terrorist nests."



Police sappers empty the lethal contents of the van that Jamal Roumani (inset) had planned to detonate in downtown Jerusalem yesterday. (Photo: Brian Hendler; Inset, Flash 90)

The prime minister, however, said he was not holding the PA responsible in this case, because the investigation still is in progress, Itim reported.

PA officials reacted to the botched bombing with a mixture of outrage and skepticism.

"The PA completely condemns this," PA International Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath told reporters in Ramallah, after a meeting between a delegation of 23 Israeli left-wing activists and PA chief Yasser Arafat.

"This failed attempt will lead us to increase our efforts [against terrorism]."

Shaath, disputing Israeli assertions to the contrary, maintained that the PA has been successful in fighting terrorism. He attributed the lack of suicide bombings since last year to Palestinian counterterrorism efforts.

PA chief negotiator Saeb Erekat also condemned the attempted attack. He said the PA has a "zero-tolerance" for terror. "It is ironic that this has been the most relaxed 10 months since 1967," Erekat said in an interview on Channel 1. "I think that the PA policy of zero-tolerance of terrorism is working."

Erekat said the trilateral US-PA-Israel committee on counterterrorist cooperation continues to operate. He said fighting terrorism is a Palestinian interest but rejected any demand that the PA be "hired guns."

Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rudeineh, however, suggested that Israel might have tried to stage the bombing to stop the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

"This is a suspicious incident," he said. "You have to ask the Israelis. It sounds like an event fabricated to torpedo the current Israeli-Palestinian efforts."

Military sources said the GSS relayed information on the car, explosives and suspects to the PA.

Palestinian sources said PA security agents arrested Roumani's brother, Kamal, and three other Hamas activists believed to have been involved.

The assessment of PA security officials was that Roumani was aided in the car-bombing attempt by Hamas militants in the Ramallah-Jerusalem area.

"We have no information about this," a Roumani family member said. "We last saw him [Saturday] night."

Police have not yet questioned Roumani, who is on a respirator.

At 8:15 a.m. yesterday, a white van caught fire while stopped at a traffic light in downtown Jerusalem. A passerby saw the smoke and alerted a policeman, Shlomo Buchbut, who was on his way to work.

Buchbut and an Egged bus driver – whose bus was passing in the opposite direction – broke a window of the van and pulled Roumani out. They then put out the fire with the bus's fire extinguisher.

Buchbut, after viewing the van's contents, quickly called for anti-terrorist reinforcements. For the next four hours, the road was blocked, as the security forces conducted their investigation.

Stores in the area did not open, and traffic was backed up all over central Jerusalem.

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Defense Ministry confirms:

Manbar offered to relay Arad info

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and DOUGLAS DAVIS

The Defense Ministry yesterday confirmed a report in London's *Sunday Times* that convicted traitor Nahum Manbar had offered to relay to Israel information regarding missing navigator Ron Arad.

But the ministry stressed that none of his information was credible, and it had actually harmed further negotiations to ascertain the missing navigator's fate.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu also confirmed yesterday that two Mossad agents had been killed while pursuing Manbar in Europe.

"All of Manbar's offers [of information] were thoroughly examined, and all were found to be total fabrications," said a statement issued by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's spokesman, Avi Benayahu.

Security sources stressed that Manbar did not help advance the case of Arad, and even caused "heavy damage" by raising expectations needlessly.

For example, Benayahu said, Manbar handed over a videotape which turned out to be fabricated.

Eitan Haber, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's bureau chief, also confirmed that Manbar had tried to pass on information about Arad. Haber told Channel 2 that Manbar did not want money, only to be allowed to pursue his business contacts with the Iranians.

Haber said Defense Ministry officials took Manbar's information very seriously at the time, until it was determined it was all false.

He also said he recalled a photo – not a video – that Manbar had tried to pass off as that of Arad.

The *Sunday Times* based its report of Manbar's efforts to locate Arad on an interview with Joy Butler-Markham, a prosecution witness at Manbar's trial.

Butler-Markham worked with Manbar and told the newspaper that Manbar had paid $30,000 for a photograph of Arad holding a current issue of the British entertainment listings magazine *Time Out* about six years ago.

"Nahum then spent possibly $50,000 for samples of saliva, hair and fingernail cuttings which proved Arad was still alive," she said. She did not say to whom the money had been paid or who had provided the evidence.

However, the photograph that Butler-Markham claimed to have seen was the first evidence that Arad was still alive since he had last written to his family in 1987.

According to the *Sunday Times*, Manbar's lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, confirmed that he knew about the photograph, but said he was prohibited by security regulations from providing more information.

Israeli security sources told the *Times* that Manbar had cooperated with them until 1993, when they believed he "started to go off his rocker" and do his own dangerous deals with Iran.

Speaking to the newspaper from her home in Cambridge over the weekend, Butler-Markham said she had told the closed trial in Tel Aviv that she had traveled to China for Manbar to organize the purchase of chemicals for Iran.

But she insisted that the chemical, thionyl chloride, which can be used to make nerve or mustard gas, was bought for the manufacture of children's medicine.

Butler-Markham, who runs a charity for children, said she had been approached by Manbar because of her reputation as a "fixer" for wealthy patrons seeking rare objects, ranging from unusual gems to dinosaur eggs in the Gobi Desert.

"Nahum felt sure he [Arad] was in Iran after being snatched by Hizbullah and he asked me to find him," said Butler-Markham. "This must have been six or seven years ago, shortly after we met. I agreed to help and, using my contacts, I discovered he was still captive.

"I put Nahum in touch with my contacts, who then put him in direct contact with others," Butler-Markham said. "The first evidence he got that Arad was still alive was a photograph of him holding a current copy of *Time Out* magazine. He paid $30,000 for that."

He then spent "possibly $50,000" for the samples of saliva, hair and fingernail cuttings, which proved Arad was still alive.

"Nahum was still working on his release when this whole thing blew up."

PM reconsiders hike in health care fees

By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has decided to reexamine the Treasury's request to raise health care fees, and has asked that the issue not be raised as planned at today's meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee, the Prime Minister's Office announced yesterday.

The announcement followed speculation that the decision would be postponed for a year because of objections among coalition MKs.

The focus of their objections was the planned extra fees for visits to doctors rather than additional general payment according to income and means.

The committee approved the proposals last week but was scheduled to hold a revote today at Labor's request. The question of whether the Knesset House Rules allows this vote to be dropped is now being examined.

Shas leader Aryeh Deri told Israel Radio yesterday that his party could not support the plans for quarterly fees and that the health system should stick to the spirit of the National Health Law, which demands payments according to income.

The two Shas MKs who last week abstained said they would this time vote against the plans.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said he is not happy with the reform, but he thinks it would be able to muster a majority in the committee.

He said he had told Netanyahu the program should be delayed or at least included in the larger reforms planned by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman for 1999.

The Finance Ministry dropped similar plans in April when it became clear it would not have a majority to pass in the Knesset.

Gesher, technically still a coalition member, was among those who opposed the suggested reform. Gesher leader David Levy said the proposals "shows the government has not only lost its way, it has lost its conscience."

The committee chairman, Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism), also reportedly said that unless all coalition MKs were made to toe the line in the vote, he would either vote against it or abstain.

MK Zvi Hendel (National Religious Party) had a similar response.

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NEWS
in brief

Court: Army officers can't overrule judges

In a precedent-making decision, the High Court of Justice yesterday ruled that an army commander may not ignore a judge's ruling which differs from his own. The case involved a Palestinian, Abed Amla, who was taken into administrative detention for six months on October 1, 1997. Amla appealed his detention to a military appeals court, which ordered the army to shorten it. A day before Amla was to be released, the military commander of Judea and Samaria extended his detention by four months. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel and the Center for the Defense of the Individual appealed the commander's decision. Although Amla was released in the meantime, the High Court of Justice agreed to hear the case in principle and ruled that the commander was not entitled to extend the remand. Otherwise, it said, "judicial review will be rendered meaningless and the principle of individual freedom left without protection." *Dan Izenberg*

PM puts off Australia trip

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has postponed next month's scheduled visit to Australia and New Zealand to deal with possible developments in the talks with the Palestinians.

David Bar-Illan, the prime minister's communications director, said "things are coming to a head" as the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are concerned and therefore a two-week long absence from the country is not feasible.

Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general Yitzhak Shelef, denied that Netanyahu's decision was prompted by a report issued by an Australian parliamentary delegation severely criticizing Israeli policy. It wasn't clear yesterday when the trip would take place. *Jay Bushinsky*

Mofaz meets settlers, soldiers in Gush Katif

Gush Katif residents got a round of back-slapping support from Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, during his tour of the Southern Command yesterday.

"The primary mission of the Southern Command is providing security to the Israeli residents of the Gaza District," Mofaz said. At Southern Command headquarters in Beersheba, Mofaz, a former OC Southern Command, was briefed on the current situation by the current area commander, Maj.-Gen. Yom-Tov Samia. Later, Mofaz toured the Israeli-controlled areas of the Gaza District, escorted by commander of IDF forces there, Brig.-Gen. Yoav Gallant. Mofaz ended the visit by meeting with soldiers from the Nahal Brigade who patrol the area. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

2 more arrested in connection with drug ring

Northern District police investigating an international ring that smuggled cocaine from South America to Europe, particularly Holland, and then imported it here, have arrested two more suspects believed to belong to the gang.

On Saturday night, an Afula man was remanded until Wednesday. Early yesterday morning, a Ramat Gan man was arrested and his remand was expected. Seventeen suspects have now been arrested in connection with the ring. *Itim*

Recalling the horror

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK
By ART KLEIN and HUGH ORGEL

A year after the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombing, yesterday's abortive car bomb in the center of Jerusalem generated a mix of apprehension and relief among shopkeepers, tourists and passersby.

It was a reminder that previous horrors could recur, anyplace and at any time.

"I *didn't hear anything except a* woman shriek," said Lili, a cashier at the Klei Zemer musical instruments store. "I saw a car burning and everyone went outside to help the man. We wouldn't have gone outside if we knew he was a terrorist."

Rafi Sadot, owner of a fish store in Mahaneh Yehuda, said the botched car bomb had everyone scared, but their only recourse is to remain vigilant.

He complained of a 30 percent to 40% percent decline in shopping since last year's attack.

"People make a simple calculation. The say to themselves that they would rather spend a little more money and be safer shopping in a supermarket than save a few shekels and be in danger."

The latest near-tragedy made some customers more determined, however.

"I was here the day before and the day after last year's terrorist attack," said 75-year-old Eli Turel. "Nothing will stop me from buying here, because if I am scared, then the terrorists have won their *battle... I know what happened* this morning, and I still came here this afternoon."

Voicing similar sentiments, Dov Sylvetsky, a Jerusalem resident for 27 years, said, "I shop here to show that terror will not rule our lives."

The scene in downtown Jerusalem had certain elements that recalled previous bombings: the barricades, the curious onlookers, and the tense policemen attesting to the gravity of the situation.

On the other hand, there were no shrieking ambulances, no shattered windows, no spilled food – or worse. The only casualty was the terrorist himself.

After the bomber was taken to the hospital and his van cleared of explosives and towed away, police opened the streets. Pedestrians converged on the sidewalks like hungry ants, and minutes later it seemed like nothing had happened.

But something *had* happened, Police Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk pointed out. The haunting sense of powerlessness and fear had returned.

An American counselor for a Young Judea group was showing his charges around the Mahaneh Yehuda market. He said he was aware that it was the first anniversary of the terrorist attack there, but it had not deterred him.

Had he known about the attempted terrorist attack half a kilometer away, however, "I may have reconsidered bringing my kids here today," he said.

Further down the road, customers entered Klei Zemer and Lili, still shaken, rang up their purchases.

"I'm very scared – this is not the first time that this happened," she said. "But who knows? It could have been a lot worse."

Mahaneh Yehuda bombing remembered

Some 150 people, most of them relatives of the 16 people killed in last year's suicide bombing in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market, gathered yesterday at the market for a memorial ceremony marking the Hebrew anniversary of the attack.

Family members recalled loved ones lost, while several of the wounded described their ongoing medical and emotional difficulties.

The botched car bomb that was discovered earlier in the day was on everyone's mind.

"Even when it seems as if terror has eased for the moment, it returns periodically and *reminds us of its* existence," said Mayor Ehud Olmert.

He described all terrorists as enemies of peace and "haters of the the Jewish people," and added: "We will not let this hate destroy the hope for peace in our hearts, but neither will we let it weaken our efforts in the fight for Israel's security and for the unity of Jerusalem as Israel's capital."

Shoshana Katsav, who was critically wounded in the bombing, is scheduled to be released today from Hadassah-University Hospital, Mt. Scopus, after a year of painful treatments and extensive rehabilitation. (Itim)

Doctors described her recovery as a miracle.

2 Mossad agents died trailing Manbar – PM

By STEVE RODAN

Two Mossad agents were killed in Europe several years ago while trailing Nahum Manbar, then wanted for selling weapons materials to Iran, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

Netanyahu thus confirmed a report in London's *Sunday Times* that the agents were trailing Manbar in a high-speed chase through Vienna during the Mossad's investigation of Manbar's arms dealings with Iran. Manbar was sentenced last week to 16 years in jail for these activities.

"Yes, the death of the two Mossad agents was, of course, known to me," Netanyahu said. He refused to elaborate. Intelligence sources said the Mossad chase of Manbar took place around April 1993 when Manbar was visiting Vienna and meeting with Iranian representatives and his European intermediaries.

The sources said the agents were trailing Manbar on a motorcycle when they apparently lost control and crashed into a bridge. The sources stressed that Manbar did not cause the death of the Mossad agents.

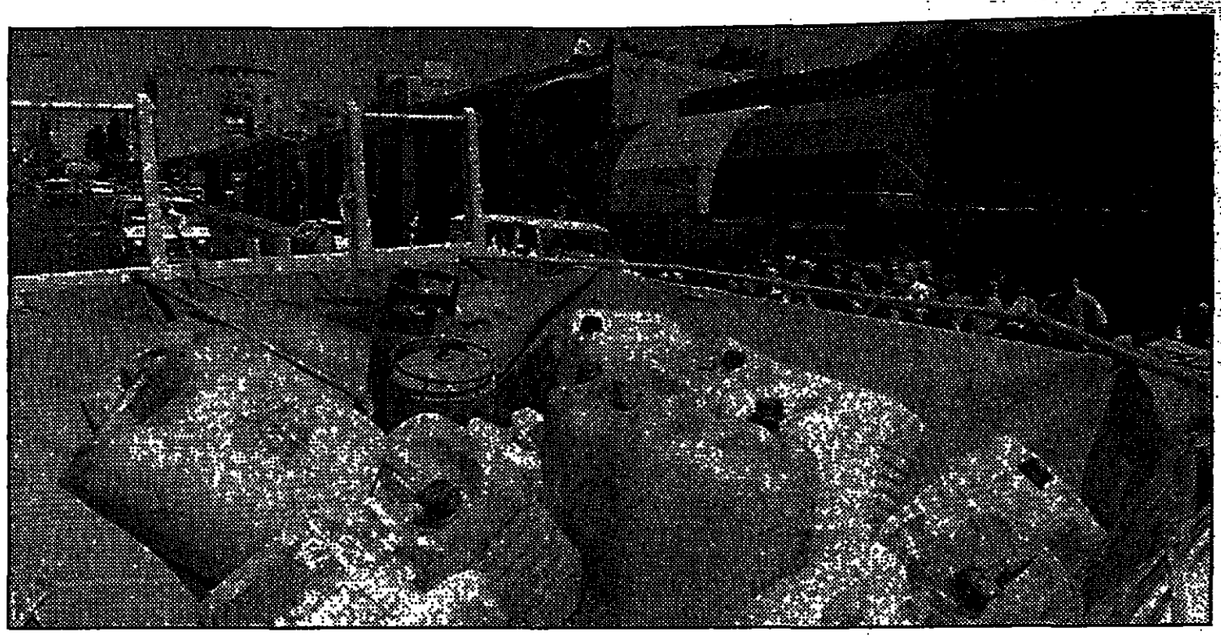
They suggested that the Mossad did not yet know the extent of Manbar's arms dealings with Iran, pointing out that the crash took place several months before he was warned by the General Security Service to stop his activities.

The sources confirmed that the death of the two Mossad agents angered the intelligence service's chief Shabtai Shavit, who ordered efforts against Manbar intensified.

Shavit, the sources said, convinced then-prime minister Yitzhak Rabin of the seriousness of Manbar's activities. He thus overcame the opposition of the GSS, which had pledged immunity to Manbar, arguing that he was providing valuable information on Teheran's nonconventional weapons program.

For his part, Shavit argued that Manbar was being used by the Iranians to provide them with advanced chemical weapons materiel, while he was not being given any substantive intelligence information.

Manbar's supporters said the death of the two Mossad agents was the beginning of a vendetta against the arms dealer, fueling the decision to capture and prosecute Manbar at virtually any price.



The gas canisters and containers of flammable liquid that were found in the terrorist's van yesterday await removal by police. (Efraim Kilshtok)

Barak: Terrorists will attack any time peace process gathers momentum

By STEVE RODAN, MOHAMMED NAJIB, and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Opposition leader Ehud Barak said terrorist groups will carry out attacks against Israel every time there is an attempt to jump start the stalled peace process, regardless of the ruling government here.

"We're all united against terrorism," Barak said at a meeting of party leaders yesterday. "The attack which fortunately failed today is proof that the continued freeze in the peace process is playing into the hands of the extremist groups. The closer we seem to be to reaching an agreement the more the terrorists will try to stop us."

At the same time he called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to do everything he could to stop those who would determine the fate of two nations by means of violence and terrorism.

"It was a miracle which prevented a terrible disaster, not Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's security policy," MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) said.

Cohen said the bombing attempt in Jerusalem yesterday testifies that Netanyahu's boasting of his "security achievements" is unfounded.

He said this should serve as a lesson to Likud leaders that their attacks on former prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres after Hamas terrorist attacks "were barbaric assaults intended to topple the government, not to increase security."

The National Religious Party, however, strongly urged Netanyahu to call off the pullout in view of the failed terrorist attack.

MK Hanan Porat said "a prime minister who knows how severe, dangerous and shocking the attempted terrorist attack was, yet is still determined to carry out the second pullout, is acting with irresponsibility bordering on criminal, and endangering the safety of Israel's citizens."

Labor to PM: Apologize for Peres, Rabin comments

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Labor Party yesterday called on *Prime Minister Binyamin* Netanyahu to apologize for what it termed the character assassination he has conducted, under the guise of "a senior source," against former prime ministers Shimon Peres and the late Yitzhak Rabin in the Manbar affair.

"Netanyahu is the engine behind the incitement, and Netanyahu and a group around him were responsible for the character assassination which led to the murder of a prime *minister in Israel," said MK* Shevah Weiss at the leadership meeting in party leader Ehud Barak's office.

The party leadership blasted Netanyahu, whom it charged with continuing his incitement campaign against Rabin and Peres, then denying what he himself said.

MK Haim Ramon called Netanyahu "the master character assassin. He's done it to David Levy, to Rabin, and to Peres and now he's trying to do it to Barak. He does it with Finkelstein-like means. First he and his people throw mud then pretend innocence to the media and roll innocent eyes to heaven."

Ramon said that "Netanyahu has no God, and the political system in Israel never had a politician or prime minister who crossed red *lines like Netanyahu.*"

MK Haggai Merom said Netanyahu would do anything to prevent changing the government when the time comes. He warned that the right wing has a tendency not to keep democratic values.

Labor spokesman Yitzhak Rabihiya lashed out at "the fascist, *demagogic tactics practiced by the* Prime Minister's Office against all the state bodies, including the IDF, the president, the heads of the security branches, the state prosecutor, the courts and the Foreign Ministry.

The censor can't win

COMMENT
By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The revelation in *The Sunday Times* that two Mossad agents had been killed in pursuit of convicted traitor Nahum Manbar reached Israel through the backdoor. This once again proved that, try as it might, the censor is powerless in suppressing information.

The reason that censorship hasn't collapsed completely, said Uzi Mahnaimi, the London-based Israeli correspondent who reported the story which censors killed here, is that defense reporters are too "lazy" and "connected" to the establishment to stand up to the censor out of fear of burning their links. Mahnaimi may be gloating over his "scoop," but his story is the latest proof that the loopholes of censorship are many and that new technologies have rendered it a bothersome anachronism.

"It's a new world of the Internet, the global village. Everything is out there," said Dudu Halevy, a former Israel-based correspondent for foreign newspapers. "The state of Israel... is still trying to guard this sacred cow [censorship]. Only this cow has been slaughtered long ago. It was barbecued."

Yaron Ezrachi, a professor of political science at Hebrew University and senior fellow at the Israel Democracy Institute, said censorship is not only undemocratic, but also no longer practical. Still, Ezrachi said that there were exceptions and that censorship was *acceptable under certain conditions.*

Ezrachi proposes an imaginary scenario in which a booby-trapped vehicle in the streets of Jerusalem is found to be laden with chemical weapons. In order to avoid public panic which may create more casualties, there should be an authority which delays the publicity of the report, Ezrachi said.

"I don't think that there is a country in which the heads of state security can totally relinquish a prerogative in a moment of extreme danger to deny the publicity of a piece of information which is directly and unambiguously related to matters of public security," Ezrachi said.

"The problem in Israel," he added, "is that the cover of security has been expanded to protect political interests."

Since the censor is limited to previewing only reports filed in Israel, the most obvious loophole is to quote reports published abroad, which is what *The Sunday Times* did. According to that newspaper, Shabtai Shavit, then head of Mossad, took charge of the investigation into Manbar's Iranian links and became personally committed to catching Manbar when two of his agents were killed in a motorcycle crash in Vienna while tailing him.

Mahnaimi's story destroys the earlier claims attributed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that Yitzhak Rabin did not energetically ordered Manbar stopped due to the latter's links with the Labor Party. He said that others had this information but did not publish it.

"This shows laziness and inability of the journalists in Israel. They say, 'We had it, but the censor, you know...'" he told Israel Radio in a telephone interview from London. "The censor is not the excuse for everything.

"Most security analysts, particularly the senior ones, are connected by the navels to the security establishment and it is not the censor which is stopping them but all sorts of business considerations," said Mahnaimi, a former IDF intelligence officer.

Ron Ben-Yishai, the popular analyst of national security for *Yediot Ahronot*, said that he had submitted the same story to the censor three times in the past. Each time it was banned and he accepted it.

He blasted Mahnaimi for habitually circumventing censorship by publishing sensitive information in the foreign press, particularly information that compromises the safety of Israelis.

"I live in this country. My family lives here. I think that revealing national secrets harms the state of Israel," Ben-Yishai told Israel Radio.

"The fact that there is a man among us, an Israeli who like Manbar served in IDF intelligence, and due to his past... [he] receives state secrets and makes use of them by selling them to a foreign newspaper and harms my security. I have trouble understanding this man," he said.

But Ezrachi said he believed the censorship in this case smacked of collusion with the present government's desire to "to prevent the Israeli public from knowing of the events in Vienna because it contradicts the innuendoes that Rabin didn't do enough to halt Manbar.

"Censorship in democracy is foremost an act against the public because it deprives it of vital tools to evaluate the decisions of the government," he said.

Some of the most notable cases of censorship date from the Gulf War, when the government banned reports that the gas masks in the hands of the public were faulty and that the Patriot anti-Scud missiles had a very slim chance of working.

"As a citizen I would be much happier if the government, instead of worrying about my morale, would worry about my security," Ezrachi said.

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"Whenever the Palestinians brought up the US initiative, the Israelis would say 'not yet,'" Dahlan told the Associated Press.

Mordechai was vague and noncommittal.

"We discussed a variety of topics," he said. "We will continue to meet frequently in accordance with the progress made by the committees [appointed to deal] with specific subjects. We will meet them to advance progress."

At his press conference, Netanyahu stressed that he gave Mordechai his full backing "to move the process forward."

He denied media reports of a rift between him and the defense minister. "I believe there will be a need for my personal involvement," Netanyahu said, suggesting that at a later stage he might confer with Arafat.

The prime minister recalled his promise to move the Oslo process forward "despite its inherent problems."

Ultimately, he said, he would present the projected agreement on the next IDF redeployment to the cabinet and Knesset for their respective approval.

"There will be no reservations stemming from coalition politics," he said.

AP adds:

The US should publish its proposals for an Israeli-Palestinian accord or risk losing its credibility in the Middle East, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday.

"Perhaps its special relationship with Israel prevents the United States from doing this, but [keeping the proposals secret] will produce a negative reaction from the masses and it's not right to ignore public opinion," Mubarak said in an interview with Egypt's official Middle East News Agency.

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"A terrible tragedy has been averted," said Jerusalem Police Chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki.

Police Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk said that even though the terrorist did not succeed in carrying out the attack, "the very fact that a terrorist with a car bomb bypassed all security and got to the center of Jerusalem makes it a very serious incident."

Channel 1 said last night it had received an anonymous call Saturday, warning of a planned attack in downtown Jerusalem and had passed on the information to police. But Yitzhaki said the security establishment and the police had no prior knowledge of a specific attack in Jerusalem, though they had received general warnings.

Jay Bushinsky, Arieh O'Sullivan, Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report

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Milo meets Vilna'i

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo yesterday met reserve major-general Matan Vilna'i in Tel Aviv for a discussion on political and state affairs.

Towards the end of the meeting the two were joined by Likud MK Dan Meridor, who Milo said last week will eventually join up with him.

Milo and Meridor, who have met several times to discuss Milo's new centrist party, are also trying to persuade former GCS Amnon Lipkin-Shahak to join the new party.

Milo, who has announced plans to run for prime minister, is said to be putting together his Knesset list.

Milo refused to divulge the content of his conversation with Vilna'i, but he is believed to have discussed the possibility of Vilna'i joining Milo's list.

Vilna'i said: "I'm learning all kinds of things, including these affairs." He added, however, that he has not yet decided whether to go into politics.

Barak briefs Walker on talks

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Opposition leader Ehud Barak met US Ambassador Edward Walker yesterday morning and updated him on the peace process, following Barak's meetings with Jordan's King Hussein and Palestinian leaders last week.

"For more than a year and a half now we've been hearing from this government that they're on the verge of a pullout, but the proof is in the implementation," Barak said to Labor MKs after updating them on his meeting with Walker. "It's time to stop talking and start doing."

He added there was nothing new in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's media briefing that morning.

Barak criticized the alleged attempts from the Prime Minister's Office to blame former prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres for not doing enough to arrest Nahum Manbar for treason.

He noted that by now it is clear tremendous efforts were made during Rabin's and Peres's time to bring Manbar to trial.

Barak briefed the MKs on his meeting with Hussein last Tuesday and with Palestinian Authority officials Abu Mazen, Mohammed Dahlan and Hassan Asfour last Friday.

The meeting with the Palestinians, who had initiated it, was arranged by former GSS senior Yossi Ginossar and took place in his Kochav Yair home.

The Palestinians updated Barak on the state of the negotiations, particularly the second pullout, and expressed a pessimistic view of the future of the peace process.

They also sounded disappointed with the Americans, pointing out that they had been pressured into accepting the US initiative, but to their surprise when the talks were then stalled by the Israelis, no American pressure had been exerted on them.

Barak urged them to overcome their feelings of frustration and make an effort to settle the second pullout in the meetings with Israel's representatives this week, so that the process can move on and both sides can advance to the final status talks.

The Likud denounced Barak's meeting with Palestinian leaders at such a delicate stage in the negotiations.

"Every time Barak meets Arab leaders, there are difficulties in the negotiations," the Likud spokesman said.

Labor sources dismissed the Likud's complaint, noting that Friday's get-together was part of Barak's contacts with all the parties in the peace process.

The sources pointed out that Barak, who also met Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon last week, is the most informed person vis-a-vis the peace process, rather than the prime minister or defense minister.

"This situation is absurd," they said. "The Likud's lies and slanders against anyone who criticizes their failing ways will not deter Labor leaders from acting to advance the peace process and build confidence with the Arab world," Labor's spokesman said.

Labor nixes Ben-Sira as party director-general

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Dr. Yehezkel Ben-Sira, who was about to be hired as the Labor Party's new director-general, has been dropped by party leader Ehud Barak, after he said that former chief of general staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak constitutes "a danger to Barak."

Ben-Sira, in an interview with *Yediot Aharonot's* weekly magazine *Tel Aviv*, said Shahak "is a real danger to Barak" and recommended "embracing" Shahak and making him No. 2 in the party.

Asked whether a situation in which Shahak continues to lead over Barak in popularity polls could lead to a demand that Shahak replace Barak as head of the party, Ben-Sira replied: "This is a logical scenario, which could happen."

In such a case, he continued, "They'll have to do what's best for the party."

At a meeting of Labor leaders yesterday, MKs sharply criticized Ben-Sira's statements.

MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said "someone who was brought in for an administration task and starts giving grades had better not start at all."

MK Ephraim Sneh said Ben-Sira's utterances were "idiotic."

Barak himself said the interview was "a bullet in the head."

He then spoke to Ben-Sira and told him the position was no longer his.

Ben-Sira had been recommended for the job by party secretary-general Ra'anan Cohen.



Kaplan Prize

Ashkelon Mayor Benny Vaknin accepts the Kaplan Prize from Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai. Ashkelon and Vaknin were among the 12 recipients of the 41st annual Kaplan Prize for improving the city's financial situation and improving its services. Other recipients were industrialist Nissim Kimhi and Maj.-Gen. Amiaz Sagis, head of the IDF's technology and logistics branch. (Isaac Harari)

11 judges to hear conversion petition

By HAIM SHAPIRO and DAN IZENBERG

A panel of 11 justices is to hear the petition of the Conservative movement to register as Jews adopted children who were converted to Judaism in a Conservative ceremony at Kibbutz Hanaton in February 1995.

The court has not yet set a date for the hearing.

Although most of the children were subsequently reconverted in Orthodox ceremonies, the parents of two of the children are insisting that the Interior Ministry acknowledge the Conservative conversion.

The petition by the Conservative movement originally included 12 families. Ten of them have since dropped out. Of the two remaining families, one immigrated, leaving only one petitioner here.

On June 2, Rabbi Haim Druckman visited the family in a last-ditch effort to persuade the mother to convert her child in his conversion court. The reports at the time said the woman was prepared to do so. However, according to Rabbi Ehud Bandel of the Conservative movement, the woman insisted that the Interior Ministry promise in advance and in writing that within 24 hours of the conversion, the child would be registered as a Jew.

Bandel said the Interior Ministry refused to do so.

Druckman said he had not followed the case after speaking to the mother that night. He added, however, that he would not be surprised that the Interior Ministry had rejected an ultimatum of the sort that Bandel had described.

"There is no reason for the mother to be afraid that the Interior Ministry will not register the child as a Jew," he added. "However, I don't blame her for the situation. There are others who are stirring up the pot."

State Attorney's Office appeals Hoter-Yishai acquittal

By DAN IZENBERG

The State Attorney's Office yesterday appealed Tel Aviv District Court's decision to clear Israel Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai of tax evasion charges. In its appeal, the State Attorney's Office accused the district court of introducing new and erroneous facts into the case and reaching its decision on the basis of those facts.

"The appellant will argue in court that the Tel Aviv District Court interfered with the factual findings as they had been determined in the verdict of the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court," the State Attorney's Office wrote in its appeal. "The district court replaced them with new factual findings that have no basis in the evidence that was presented to the magistrate's court."

The State Attorney's Office also charged that the district court based its decision on only some of the evidence and ignored testimony and documents that had been presented to the lower court.

Hoter-Yishai was convicted by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on charges of tax evasion on February 19, 1998. The charges related to a payment of NIS 90,000 which he received in 1990 as compensation from a metal contractor who had trespassed on land belonging to his father, Aaron, and his father's partner, Shimon Kravinski.

Hoter-Yishai represented the two men and did not pay tax on the compensation. He was convicted on charges of helping others conceal income from the tax authorities.

On June 7, 1998, Tel Aviv District Court overturned the conviction. A panel of three judges ruled that the case involved a legitimate disagreement between Hoter-Yishai and the tax authorities about the amount owed and that there had been no intent to defraud the government.

In a related development, the High Court of Justice will, on Wednesday, hear a petition by the Movement for Quality Government against Hoter-Yishai's return to the nine-person committee for the appointment of judges. Hoter-Yishai disqualified himself while his trial on tax evasion charges was proceeding. After his exoneration by the Tel Aviv District Court, he decided to reclaim his seat.

PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW

By MICHAEL WEISS

The US initiative

In face of what seems to the Palestinians to be an absolute American bias towards Israel, voices have recently been raised to reconsider the Palestinian acceptance of the US initiative to move the peace process forward.

The American initiative has exhausted itself, writes Talal Okal in *Al-Ayyam*. It led to a deviation from the course of the Oslo agreements and wasted enough time to allow Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu continue his radical policies on the ground.

Quoting *Ma'ariv* on a new American idea to force the Palestinians to negotiate with Israel about the original US initiative, which the Palestinians had already accepted, Okal concludes that the Palestinians are being now forced to accept Netanyahu's ideas.

If they refuse, the US administration will pressure the Palestinians and blame them for preventing an agreement, he writes.

The close US-Israeli coordination leaves the Palestinians with only one alternative, he says: to reject the new American-Israeli ideas and start building a new strategy, lest their policy appear as a reaction the Palestinians will lose credibility.

"One of the strangest things I have heard . . . is the announcement that Washington withdrew from the peace process with shame," writes Fuad Abu Hijla, in the official *Al-Hayat al-Jadida*.

In most undiplomatic language, Abu Hijla prefers to describe the American attitude as vulgar and mean, though not surprising. What surprises him is the Palestinian adherence to the agreements that are not respected by the Israelis.

Abu Hijla suggests stopping the negotiations, drawing up and publishing a description of the biased American attitudes, and cancelling the original acceptance of the American initiative.

Instead, he supports declaring the establishment of the Palestinian state, because "no veto can cancel the fact of our existence."

Taysir Khaled expresses the point of view of the Democratic Front on the same issue.

After the Palestinian negotiators had given the US administration enough time and opportunity to bring the government of Israel to accept the initiative, and after the American administration announced that they do not want to pressure Israel, the typical Palestinian asks what benefit there is in accepting an initiative which includes difficult commitments and conditions, but is no more than a diplomatic cover-up for the Israeli government to continue avoiding its commitments, he says.

Khaled, a member of the PLO executive committee and of the political department of the left-wing Democratic Front, also supports the rejection of the American initiative. Instead, Palestinians should prepare themselves to battle to establish the State of Palestine on all the Palestinian lands conquered during the 1967 war.

What does Israel want?

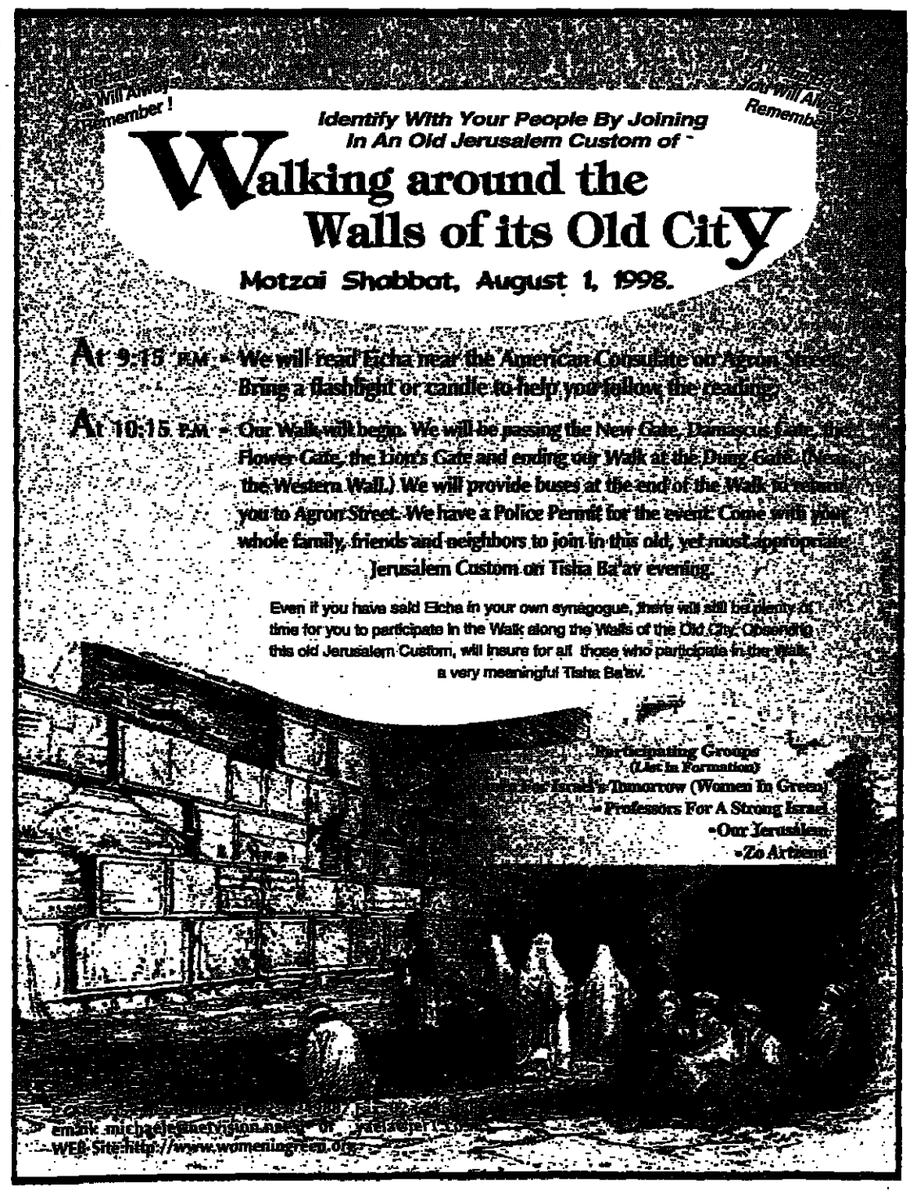
"What does Israel want from us?" asks Hussein Hijazi in *Al-Ayyam*.

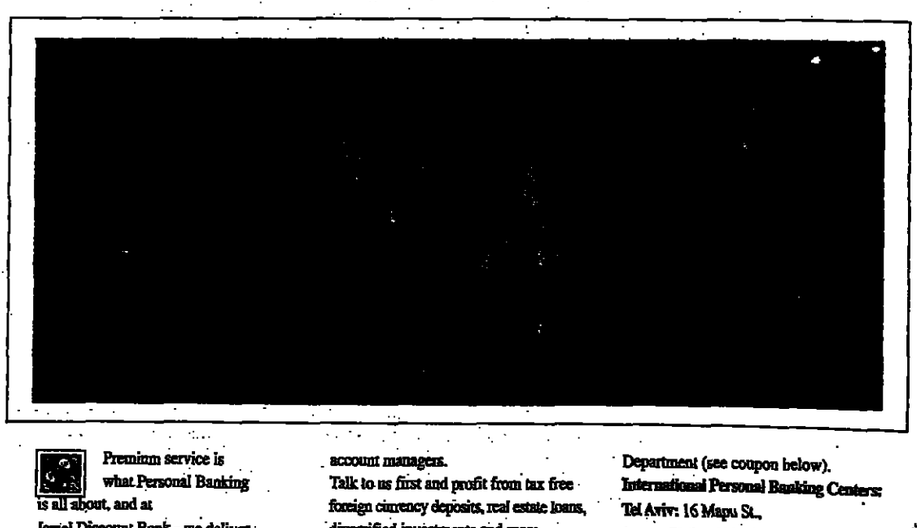
For years the Israelis asked this question of the Arabs, he writes, citing Yehoshafat Harkabi's pioneering research on the subject. Now it is our turn to ask, says Hijazi and answers: "They want us to be their agents, non-respected rivals, who betray themselves.

"If this is not the case, what would they do if we accepted the idea of a tiny state, divided into two sections on a territory which does not exceed a fifth of the territory of the historical Palestine? But the government which is to lead Israel into the 21st century rejects even this option."

Trying to understand what kind of relations does Israel want with the Palestinians, Hijazi concludes that it might be the same as with the South Lebanese Army.

However, Israel's wishes are unacceptable, he writes. "Only the Palestinian National Authority is to decide what we want from Israel and what we can give in return for guarantee for peace and stability. But Israel tries to replace this reality with new illusions."





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NEWS
in brief

Oron to raise early election bill

Meretz whip Haim Oron said yesterday that on Wednesday he plans to raise his bill calling for the dissolution of the Knesset and early elections.

"The ball is over and now it is time to put coalition MKs to the test on their press releases that they would leave the coalition over Netanyahu's handling of the peace process. Now the MKs can vote according to their conscience for the dissolution of the Knesset," he said. Should the bill pass all four readings, elections for both the Knesset and prime minister would have to take place within 60 days.

It is, however, unlikely to win a majority Wednesday and even if it does pass preliminary reading now it would probably not be able to pass the other three readings before the start of the summer recess at the end of next week. Oron filed a similar motion, which failed, on the last day of the summer sitting last year.

Liat Collins

New measures for not paying parking tickets

Drivers who don't pay parking tickets issued for leaving their cars in areas endangering traffic – by parking at intersections or bus stops, for example – will not be able to renew their driving licenses, the Transport Ministry announced yesterday.

The regulations are to be introduced on September 1 and will not be enforced retroactively for offenses committed before then, the ministry said.

Haim Shapiro

Battering wife given community service

A woman who had hit her husband with a broomstick, stabbed him lightly with a knife, kicked him in the testicles and scratched his car with keys was given three months' community service and eight months' suspended sentence last week by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Judge Amiram Binyamini, in explaining the sentence, said there was a "dynamic of violence" between the couple – the husband having recently been convicted of assaulting his wife. Otherwise, he said, there would be no reason not to sentence her to a jail term, since "in any case in which a man had been convicted of the type of crimes the accused was convicted of, he could have expected to do time."

Itim

Esther Wachsman England's woman of the year

Esther Wachsman, the mother of Nachshon, who was killed by terrorists in 1994, has been nominated by the Women of the Year Committee in England as this year's "Woman of Courage." She will be the guest of honor at the Women of the Year luncheon at the Savoy Hotel in London in October. She apparently came to the committee's attention when she visited England last year to speak of her son's legacy and the Nachshon Wachsman Center for Tolerance and Understanding.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Survey: Swiss anti-Americanism on rise in wake of Holocaust scandal

By MARILYN HENRY

WASHINGTON – The fracas in Switzerland over Nazi gold, closely monitored for signs of unleashing antisemitism, instead appears to be spawning anti-Americanism and consternation about Washington's inability to manage its foreign policy.

A survey last week, by the Swiss magazine *Facts*, found that 43.8 percent of the Swiss polled said they view the US in less-positive terms "in light of the Holocaust discussion."

"This has rocked our relationship, but not wrecked it," said American Ambassador to Switzerland Madeleine Kunin.

Alfred Defago, the Swiss ambassador to the US, said "This became a national issue," referring to a tangled skein of war-era issues, including dormant Jewish accounts in Swiss banks, the Swiss National Bank's trade in Nazi-looted gold, Swiss neutrality and Switzerland's refugee policy, which both admitted and excluded Jews fleeing the Nazis.

The Swiss believe they are being subjected to "never-ending bashing from the American side," Defago said.

Since the battle began over the dormant accounts two years ago, there have been conflicting messages from the US.

There have been multiple hearings in the House and Senate banking committees in which condemnation of Switzerland was occasionally interrupted by commendation for the steps it had taken to come to terms with its war-time actions. Another hearing is scheduled in the Senate on Wednesday.

The US government forcefully assailed Bern in a May 1997 historical report on Switzerland's trading in Nazi-looted gold, and recently appeared to demand that the Swiss government make some kind of restitution for that trade.

But Washington also has been aligned with Bern against both the World Jewish Congress and state and local finance officials on the question of sanctions against the Swiss banks.

In the meantime, Swiss President Flavio Cotti is set to convene Switzerland's banks and its top multinational companies – including Nestle and the pharmaceutical giant Novartis – in September to create a strategy to deflect the sanctions, the newspaper *Sonntags-Zeitung* reported yesterday.

Defago says these escalating events are seen predominantly as stemming from American – not Jewish – pressure.

"That doesn't exclude that there are some antisemitic side effects, and we condemn that without hesitation," he said.

Kunin, a Zurich-born Jew whose mother's name appeared on a list of dormant accounts, downplayed the antisemitic effect, however.

"It's not a virulent antisemitism," she said in Washington at a weekend ORT convention.

Nearly two years ago, the American government stepped in to find a just solution to the burgeoning Nazi gold issue while also attempting to prevent American-Swiss relations from fraying.

Instead, relations are shaky and the federal government seems unable to orchestrate a foreign policy that is consistent with, say, the foreign policy of New York and California, some Swiss diplomats counter.

"I can't discuss foreign policy with every state," Defago said.

It is a problem that Kunin acknowledged.

One of the consequences of the Nazi gold issue has nothing to do with the Holocaust or Jews, she said in an interview, but focuses on how the American government retains control over its foreign policy.

MKs condemn Darawshe for anti-IDF statement

By LIAT COLLINS

Members of Knesset from across the political spectrum condemned Democratic Arab Party MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe for having said in an interview over the weekend, in the *Hiyat Jadide* newspaper, that an Arab who serves in the IDF is "guilty of a heinous crime."

Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled (Tsomet) is demanding that Darawshe's parliamentary immunity be lifted so he can stand trial for the statement.

MK Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) said Darawshe's comments are "frightful and infuriating and serve only the interests of the far Right.

The extremist statements made by Arab MKs recently create hatred and only serve to push off the day of true equal rights between Arabs and Jews."

MK Ophir Pines (Labor) said Darawshe is "inciting against loyal citizens who serve their country and turning them into criminals and instead of bringing people closer together and bringing about unity, he is sowing the seeds of hatred and division among citizens."

He said Darawshe, as an MK, had cast a shadow over the Knesset.

Pines has submitted a bill under which parliamentary immunity would not apply to incitement and calling for violence.

Darawshe's statements come shortly after the call by MK Salah Salim (Hadash) for the murder of Palestinian land dealers who sell property to Jews.



Mothers to Mordechai: Advance peace talks
A group of women calling themselves Mothers and Women for Peace" meet Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai outside his home in Motza yesterday morning. The women brought flowers and a letter, in which they asked him to act 'boldly' to advance the talks with the Palestinians during his meetings with Mahmoud Abbas and 'not to lend a hand to meaningless negotiations that are only for show.' (Flash 90)

Mordechai adopts military industry reform blueprint

By STEVE RODAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has adopted in principle a report that calls for far-reaching restructuring of the nation's defense industries.

Defense officials said yesterday that Mordechai has held a series of discussions on the future of the defense industries and research and development. During one of the meetings, Professor Amnon Pazi, head of an advisory panel, recommended changes in the defense establishment's contacts with higher education and ensuring that a high-tech force is available for the IDF and its R&D programs.

Pazi stressed that the defense establishment could preserve and strengthen advanced defense R&D if it dedicates special efforts to maintain a quality work force in the IDF and the defense industries. He pointed out that defense-related engineers are being wooed by private companies.

Mordechai has made orders to the IDF that will result in a significant increase in its high-tech work force. The defense minister stressed the importance of defense R&D to handle the special needs of the military.

In another meeting, Mordechai received the conclusions of the panel led by his adviser, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Moshe (Mussa) Peled on the future of the defense industries. The recommendations include the continued need for strengthening the defense industries; the intention to allow the industries to implement their special capability against foreign competition on the basis of cooperation; the need for the industries to retain their qualitative edge in technology by ensuring R&D.

Foreign Ministry: UN's new war crimes treaty might become anti-Israel tool

By NOAH STREIT

"We hope that it won't be used as another political tool against Israel," said Alan Baker, legal adviser for the Foreign Ministry, reading from a written statement elucidating why Israel was forced to vote against the treaty creating the UN's international war crimes tribunal.

Baker explained that in the final days in the drafting of the treaty, Syrian and Egypt pushed through an article determining that settlements in the territories constitute war crimes, as well as "the transfer of population of occupied territory to territory which is occupied."

Unable to have the article erased from the treaty, Israel was forced to vote against the treaty along with the US and six other nations. One hundred and twenty countries endorsed the treaty and 21 abstained.

"Had this article not been put in, we would have gladly voted in favor of the treaty," Baker said.

He later explained to reporters that for the treaty to become an international law, 60 states must have their governments approve it, then they must sign it, followed by a final ratification.

He also said the law does not apply retroactively, and there is a provision that states can "opt out of certain laws for seven years."

But even if Israel does not sign on, Israelis who are involved in setting up settlements, though this in itself needs to be defined, may be tried if they are in countries who have accepted the law, Baker said.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, in his capacity as foreign minister, issued a statement saying, "With regard to the criticism voiced in certain political circles with regard to the Rome conference on the work and information efforts of the Foreign Ministry, I wish to state that such accusations are often voiced by those who are not sufficiently familiar with the issues at hand..."

Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar said "I think that it can perhaps be compared to the decree that Zionism is racism... The Israeli government took over the areas after a war of survival with the idea that setting up these communities will establish a security zone... Not only are these communities justified, they are morally correct. This has been the concept of all the governments of Israel.

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Families to Tichon: Probe bridge collapse

By LIAT COLLINS

Seven families of victims of the Maccabiah Bridge disaster have written to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon asking him to support the appointment of a parliamentary committee of inquiry into the tragedy which occurred a year ago.

The families note the support for the inquiry by a large number of MKs from across the political spectrum. Tichon apparently is instead considering appointing a subcommittee of the Knesset Interior Committee to look into the disaster.

State Attorney Edna Arbel has given an opinion that there is no legal impediment to establishing a parliamentary committee of inquiry, the letter says.

The letter states that the families are seeking "proper compensation" as well as a full investigation. In particular, the families wrote, they are upset with the Maccabi World Union as its "response to our plight can at best be described as disappointing."

"If, despite the above, you persist in your opposition to the establishment of the parliamentary inquiry committee, we the injured families and the Jewish community in Australia will have no alternative but to conclude that you are one of the guardians and protectors of [the] MWU in the Knesset," the families wrote to Tichon. "We will have no alternative but to continue to press for the establishment of the parliamentary committee of inquiry, however long it takes. Any other method of inquiry will be entirely unsatisfactory as far as we and the Australian community are concerned."

The move for a parliamentary committee of inquiry was launched by MK Micha Goldman (Labor) and won the support of many other MKs, however, the passage of its establishment in the Knesset has been stalled. According to one parliamentary aide involved this is partly Tichon's fault.

A spokeswoman for Tichon said the letter had been received by his office yesterday, but he would not see it until today as he spent the day on an official tour outside of the Knesset.

Deri's immunity hearing ends

By DAN IZENBERG

Nine Supreme Court justices yesterday finished hearing two petitions against the Knesset House Committee's decision to postpone its vote on lifting the immunity of Shas MK Aryeh Deri and said they would hand down their decision at a later date.

The petitions, filed by Amitai and the Movement for Quality Government, called on the Supreme Court to order the Knesset committee to nullify its decision and hold the vote immediately. However, the Movement for Quality Government added that if the court explicitly ruled that the statute of limitations on Deri's criminal investigation had been suspended from the moment the Knesset was asked to lift Deri's immunity, it would withdraw its petition.

The petitions were billed as a test of the balance of power between the Knesset and the High Court, because the petitioners asked the High Court to overrule an internal proceeding of the Knesset.

Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak indicated that if the court removed all doubt by ruling that the statute of limitations was indeed suspended and that Deri could be tried in the future, that should be sufficient to satisfy the petitioner's main concern without forcing the court to interfere with the Knesset. However, Uzi Fogelman, head of the Justice Ministry's High Court of Justice Department, also asked the court to interpret a clause in the Knesset Members Immunity Law and give its opinion on what constitutes reasonable grounds for an MK to reject an attorney-general's request to lift the immunity of a fellow legislator. That question is crucial to the substance of the defense Deri plans to make before the House Committee when he finally argues against the attorney-general's request.

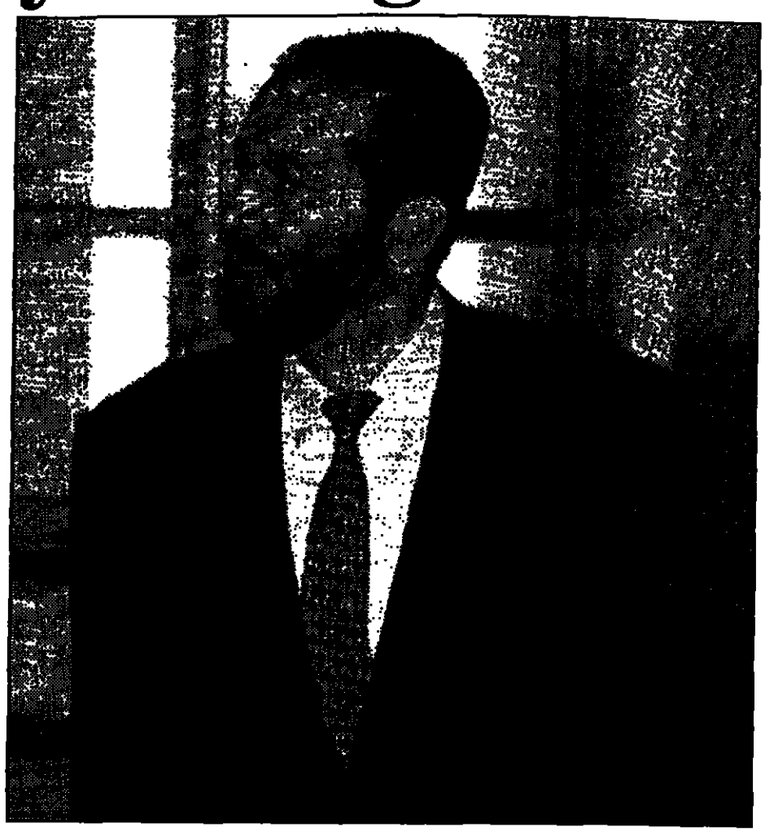
In May, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein prepared an indictment against Deri, including five charges of public wrongdoing during his tenure as Interior Ministry director-general, and then as minister of interior. Deri is accused of fraud and breach of trust by a public servant for allegedly forcing local authorities to channel government money to haredi institutions in their jurisdiction. Many of the beneficiaries of Deri's system were close to Deri or to the Shas Party.

In asking to lift Deri's immunity, Rubinstein wrote that he had no choice but to serve the indictment before the end of his current trial in Jerusalem District Court on charges of personal wrongdoing because the statute of limitations on the investigation into his public activities was due to expire in August.

The Knesset House Committee met three times to discuss Rubinstein's request to lift Deri's immunity. On June 23, it decided to postpone the vote until the summations in his current trial are completed. In doing so, the House Committee assumed that the statute of limitations was suspended, even though the High Court of Justice has never ruled on the issue.

Rubinstein refused to defend the House Committee against the petitions.

Instead, it was represented by Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar. Inbar, and Deri's lawyer, Yigal Arnon, said Deri should not be denied the opportunity to argue his case before the House Committee. Arnon said Deri planned to accuse Rubinstein and the government of discriminating against him because no one before, in the history of the state, had been indicted on similar charges, even though thousands of public servants had behaved as he had.



Aryeh Deri walks into the Supreme Court yesterday. (Kevin Unger)

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Kosovo guerrillas in battle to capture first town

By DOUGLAS HAMILTON

PRISTINA, Serbia (Reuters) – The conflict in Kosovo escalated yesterday as Serbian police and Yugoslav army troops battled ethnic Albanian separatists for control of the town of Orahovac.

Serbian sources said they had begun a counteroffensive to prevent the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army from capturing its first major town, and they denied rumors that it had fallen to the KLA insurgents.

Neighboring Albania denounced Serbia for what it said was a gross violation of sovereignty, alleging that Serb forces fired shells into Albania during an operation to ambush a large infiltration by ethnic Albanian guerrillas.

Major powers trying to broker peace talks fear the conflict could widen, engulfing Albania and Macedonia in war.

Serbs and ethnic Albanians both reported heavy fighting on Saturday as members of the Kosovo Liberation Army tried to storm the police station in the center of Orahovac, a mainly ethnic Albanian town 60 km. southwest of Pristina.

Serbian military sources said on Saturday night that they had begun a counteroffensive to dislodge the KLA. They denied a media report that 20 Serbian policemen had surrendered.

At the north end of the town, KLA fighters advanced from a chest-high barrier of white sandbags, firing into the street as repeated bursts of heavy machinegun fire rattled the air.

South of Orahovac, Serbian police turned back cars on the main Prizren to Djakovica highway, saying there was heavy fighting for the road.

"It started yesterday afternoon and has been going on since," a police officer said.

Two truckloads of flak-jacketed Yugoslav army soldiers arrived on the scene and mechanical excavators were brought up, apparently in readiness to breach the roadblocks.

Near the Albanian border, Serb forces said they had ambushed between 700 and 1,000 ethnic Albanian fighters trying to cross into Kosovo at Djeravica in two groups.

Shelling inside neighboring Albania was denied in Pristina by a Serbian security source, who also said the attempted infiltration was the biggest in the 4-1/2-month conflict.

Television reporters filmed eight dead Albanians dressed in camouflage uniforms at the scene of the ambush but quoted unofficial Serbian security sources as saying at least 30 of the infiltrators had been killed.

Stacks of weapons, mostly outdated communist ones, were seized in the ambush in high mountain territory.

A Yugoslav soldier was badly wounded and a policeman was killed by a sniper on his way to reinforce the army. In Albania, state television showed film of 19 badly wounded KLA fighters in uniform, whom it said had been flown by helicopter from the border area to a hospital in Tirana.



Three soldiers of the Kosovo Liberation Army are helicoptered to a Tirana military hospital over the weekend after fierce fighting at the Albanian-Yugoslav border. The picture was taken inside the helicopter, after it landed near the hospital. (AP)

The KLA had advanced several kilometers closer to the town of Orahovac from its stronghold at Maljisevo and appeared to be trying to surround it on three sides, leaving an exit for Serbs to retreat.

Reporters sheltered behind a building watching the scene until four KLA fighters arrived and ordered: "Leave now. No pictures."

The KLA says it is in control of half of Kosovo, but the seven main population centers are still in the hands of the Serbian government. Ethnic Albanians make up 80 percent of the 20,000 residents of Orahovac.

The Serbian media center in the provincial capital Pristina described the situation in and around the town as "dramatic." It said there had been some deaths and it accused the Albanians, who are fighting for independence, of blowing up the power sub-station which supplies Orahovac.

The Albanian-run Kosovo Information Center in Pristina blamed Serbian provocation for the fighting, which it said had broken out when Serbian police tried to shoot their way through an area where an unidentified corpse lay in the street.

Reports said those civilians who had not fled to Prizren, 20 km. to the south, were hiding in basements.

A successful attack to evict the Serbs from Orahovac would be a major coup for the KLA, which has not succeeded in taking any significant Kosovo town in over four months of fighting.

The main road from Pristina to the southern city of Prizren remained open but guarded by Yugoslav tanks in hilltop positions for part of the way through open country.

UN: Global job uncertainty fueling workplace violence

GENEVA (AP) — Increasing job uncertainty worldwide is fueling violence at work, according to a UN report due for release today.

Psychological violence, such as group harassment of employees, is emerging as a major problem, it said.

"Violence at work has become a global concern," said Vittorio Di Martino, co-author of the 165-page International Labor Organization report.

Japan's economic downturn, leading to the loss of lifetime job security, has led to alleged bullying of workers as "personal relationships become more precarious," Di Martino said.

The report identified France, Argentina, Romania and Canada as among the countries which have reported the highest rates of assaults and sexual harassment on the job.

But it cautioned that the problem's severity is recognized and documented most in Europe and North America.

No general international definition of violence at work has yet been agreed, it noted.

The response to violence is often "limited, episodic and ill-defined," although employers end up bearing the costs of lost work and improved security, as well as risking loss of product quality and company image.

An average of 20 workers are killed every week in the US, while some 18,000 are assaulted at work or on duty, the survey said.

In the US, retail and service industries account for 85 percent of all assaults in the workplace, it said. As elsewhere, taxi drivers ran the highest risk of assault.

Psychological violence can also have dire effects, the report said.

In Sweden, mobbing of employees, also reported in the US and Britain, was estimated to be a factor in 10%-15% of suicides.

Japan PM contenders hold TV debate

By JON HERSKOVITZ

TOKYO (Reuters) – The backroom kingmakers bickering over who will become Japan's next prime minister are being faced with an unexpected political force — democracy.

For the first time in about 20 years, there is an actual race to decide Japan's next premier and actual issues being debated among members of Japan's long-dominant Liberal Democratic Party.

Japanese television viewers saw a strange sight yesterday morning when the three candidates for prime minister – Seiroku Kajiyama, Junichiro Koizumi and Keizo Obuchi – sat down together and gave their views for lifting Japan's moribund economy.

All three are vying for the leadership post Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said he would vacate after the LDP suffered a major setback July 12 Upper House elections.

The voters and the markets told the LDP that they will not support it unless it created a strong administration that could pull Japan out of its recession, and that has forced the candidates to debate in public the key issues, said Keio University economics professor Heizo Takenaka.

"What the voters really want is a tough political leader who can tell the nation and the market the right thing, even if it may be hard to swallow," Takenaka said in the financial daily *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*.

As a result, the secretive LDP is having its first open election for party president since 1978. In 1995, Koizumi ran against Hashimoto, but that was after all the major power blocs in the party had agreed that Hashimoto would be the choice.

Under normal circumstances, LDP party elders would select a replacement for Hashimoto in a pattern they have followed for the four decades the party has ruled Japan.

The party president would then receive the rubber stamp of the LDP-controlled Lower House of parliament and become prime minister.

The current path for selecting the new prime minister was heading right on course when Obuchi, 61, the foreign minister and also the leader of the largest LDP faction, emerging early last week as the party's choice for the premier.

Obuchi had the support of the party's rank and file, but he did not have the backing of the markets or those LDP members who felt the conservative party had to change.

"Haven't you listened to the people? They don't want a continuation of the aimless policies of Hashimoto under a new face," LDP parliamentarian Makiko Tanaka said at a meeting of party lawmakers.

Enter Kajiyama, 72, the old-guard stalwart who is also a champion of banking reform.

Kajiyama bucked the faction system — he is a member of the group headed by Obuchi — and said he wants to carry out "major surgery" on the financial systems within two years.

Koizumi, 56, is the youngest of the three and long known as a party gadfly. He joins Obuchi and Kajiyama in calling for tax cuts and fiscal stimulus, but Koizumi believes that cutting the bureaucracy over 10 years is also key to economic recovery.

Tomorrow, Kajiyama, Koizumi and Obuchi will have a debate on their economic views, which is almost unprecedented for prime minister candidates, and on Friday the LDP will engage in a rare act of democracy and vote by secret ballot for Japan's next leader.

Poland divided into 16 new provinces

By ROB STRYBEL

WARSAW (Reuters) - Poland's lower house of parliament approved a compromise plan over the weekend to revamp the communist-era territorial system by dividing the country into 16 provinces to conform with European Union rules.

The territorial system will bring Poland into line with the EU, which Poland hopes to join in around 2002, and help launch crucial reforms in health care and education, as well as give more powers and funds to local government.

The compromise measure was passed late Saturday night by 326 deputies in the 460-seat assembly, as 29 opposed and 41 abstained, the parliament's press office said.

The vote followed months of wrangling within the Solidarity-rooted coalition government of right-leaning centrists and liberals and a political tug-of-war with the ex-communist opposition.

The government originally wanted to create 12 large, economically-viable regions to replace the 49 tiny provinces introduced by communist boss Edward Gierek in 1975.

But when this proposal triggered dissent within the coalition itself and was rejected by the opposition, the government agreed to increase the new provinces to 15.

President Aleksander Kwasniewski, a former communist, sided with the ex-communists, who insisted on restoring the 17 voivodships which had existed during the first 30 years of communist rule, and vetoed the 15-province reform.

However when the squabbling continued and threatened to upset the reform's deadlines, coalition and opposition deputies agreed to a 16-province compromise.

The election of councillors to the new provinces and some 200 intermediate county-like districts known as powiats are set for October, and the reform is officially due to take effect on January 1 next year.

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As a last-ditch effort to head off a gigantic asteroid, NASA sends a team of roughneck oil drillers headed by Harry S. Stamper (Bruce Willis) into space.

Saving the planet, again

Movie Review



By Adina Hoffman

"It happened before, it will happen again," drones a voice-over at the start of *Armageddon*, "It's just a question of when." Although the narrator is warning about the deadly crash that scientists fear between the earth and an asteroid, he might also be talking about Hollywood's latest genre fixation – the millennial meteor movie.

It happened before: *Deep Impact* crash-landed just a few months back. It will happen again: *Armageddon* is yet another apocalyptic blow-out that pits a team of brave American astronauts against a so-called Global Killer, a mass of rock and gas whirling on a collision course toward Life As We Know It.

Too loud, too long and exceptionally crude, *Armageddon* is a film I neither admired nor enjoyed, though when compared to *Deep Impact*, a misguided (and cynical) attempt to make a kinder, gentler blockbuster, producer Jerry Bruckheimer's raucous action movie at least feels honest. Like it or not, *Armageddon* is what it is: a politically incorrect, hardware-heavy Bruce Willis vehicle, filled with dumb jokes and ear-splitting explosions.

While the creators of *Deep Impact* tried to appear sensitive and serious about the fate of the people they were planning to wash away in a computerized tsunami wave, the men responsible for the synthetic sorcery of *Armageddon* pretend to no such niceties. Director Michael (*The Rock*) Bay and screenwriters Jonathan Hensleigh and J.J. Abrams have hammered out a picture that's meant to be noisy, slick and patriarchal – and is. (Robert Towne, Paul Attanasio and an accomplished team of other writers also reportedly worked on this script, though their contribution to the imbecilic dialogue and stock types is fairly mystifying.) The characters who populate the film are redneck caricatures, good ole boys whose trip to space is supposed to entertain us, not make us better people. That pedantic quality was, after all, what really spoiled *Deep Impact* and left us to wonder: who goes to an action movie for moral or spiritual instruction?

There's no such threat of enlightenment here. Once it pushes past a truly half-baked opening (logically, the action must unfold over the course of just a few days, though it appears to skip a year or two) *Armageddon* at least follows much cleaner narrative lines than did the season's earlier meteor flick. This time through, we spend most of our time with a single obnoxious hero, deep-core oil driller Harry Stamper (Willis), who makes his typically repulsive entrance by smirking as he lobs a few golf balls off the side of a Greenpeace protest ship.

He and his scrappy crew (including Ben Affleck, Will Patton, Steve Buscemi and Owen Wilson), a *Dirty Dozen*-styled team of misfits, are recruited at the start of the film by the director of NASA (Billy Bob Thornton) to drill into the asteroid and plant a nuclear bomb on the inside. The picture progresses from their training to the mission itself, moving as it does so through an increasingly chaotic and violent series of macho adventures: out in space, various crew members are injured, die or are miraculously resuscitated; back down on earth, meanwhile, Paris is nearly flattened by a meteor shower and the American heartland is awash in a golden-lit array of Norman Rockwell-meets-Nostradamus tableaux.

Lovely Liv Tyler, she of the liquid gazes and Rockette legs, also moons around the film's edges, in the all-purpose female role of Willis's daughter and Affleck's girlfriend. Her presence actually comes as a great relief, since it usually signals a temporary lowering of the painful decibel level. My ears were still ringing post-rock-concert fashion several hours after *Armageddon* – a movie for viewers who like their pictures jack-hammer subtle and want to watch, one more time, as Bruce Willis saves the planet.

ARMAGEDDON

★★

Directed by Michael Bay. Screenplay by Jonathan Hensleigh and J.J. Abrams. Hebrew title: *Armageddon*. 150 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly advised.
With Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Will Patton, Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare

Return of the living Dead

By ROGER CATLIN

The longest lasting band of the psychedelic era also became the largest grossing rock band of any type, year in and year out, in the '90s.

But the music of the Grateful Dead was in trouble long before the death of guitarist Jerry Garcia spelled an end to the beloved band, its longtime drummer says.

"We had lost the music," Mickey Hart says from his San Francisco Bay-area office. "We had played so much of it so many times that the passion was going out, and Jerry wasn't well, and it was getting worse and worse.

"There were moments," he says, "but the moments were getting fewer and fewer." The band kept touring, "because that's who we were." And they could only hope things would change.

As it happened, "the page was turned for us," Hart says.

Garcia's death in August 1995 put an end to the Grateful Dead, and, Hart thought, the music for him as well.

"I never thought I wanted to hear a Grateful Dead song again," says Hart, who shifted his attention to his other projects, Planet Drum and Mystery Box. "I had enough of it. I had washed my hands of it."

Still, Hart and his various line-ups joined the post-Dead Furthur Festivals, as did guitarist Bob Weir and his band Ratdog. Dead fans showed up for the first two summers of the tour, but Hart knew there was something missing for fans.

"I wasn't playing Grateful Dead music, and it was a little strange for them, you know."

And the format of the show, with each band locked into hour-long sets, was "devastating" to the concept of the old free-wheeling jams. "It was a big frustration."

That changes this year as the Furthur Fest brings together Hart and Weir in a band with longtime Dead bassist Phil Lesh for the first time since the demise of the Dead.

Also on board are ex-officio member Bruce Hornsby, whose idea it was to reunite, as well as fellow travelers from the San Francisco orbit, including Zero guitarist Steve Kimock, Ratdog sax man Dave Ellis and Hornsby drummer John Molo. Los Angeles session guitarist Mike Karan adds a bit of a jazz influence to the mix.

In the Rainforest Action Network benefit premiere last month in San Francisco of the band they call The Other Ones, Dead fans were ecstatic over both the song selection of some long-unplayed nuggets and the manner in which they were played.

"There's some new songs, some old songs that were reworked and got right, and some songs we pulled out of the hopper that we've never performed before – or if we did, maybe once or twice," Hart says.

"You know, the Grateful Dead never rehearsed much," Hart says. "There were a lot of unsaid things in the Grateful Dead. But reinventing it one more time, it's better to do things correctly than incorrectly. Having to teach songs to the new guys, we found out some of the vagueness in the old material and alleviated that.

"There were some songs we wanted to make really right, like 'St. Stephen' and 'The Eleven.' We're playing 'Mountains of the Moon,' some beautiful old stuff," he says.

"When it came together and we played our first gig, I realized: Hey, this is a band – this is a vital organism playing some very vibrant music."

Particularly gratifying for Hart was playing once more with Lesh.

"You never can remember exactly what it was like until you revisit it. Phil is playing at the top of his form; he's never played better."

Together with Weir, "we have a great lock, the three of us. Really, it's like a tractor beam. It's really magnetic. I'd forgotten the feeling of magic that you get with somebody that you have real good chemistry with. So I mean, I'm very happy at the way things have turned out." (The Hartford Courant)

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Ralph Fiennes to personify European Jewry

By TOM TUGEND

Filming has started in Budapest on *The Taste of Sunshine*, in which Ralph Fiennes plays the parts of three Jews in a multi-generational film saga.

The triple role represents a major ethnic switch for the British actor, who portrayed the sadistic SS camp commandant, Amon Goeth, in *Schindler's List*. Fiennes won an Academy Award nomination for this performance, and a second one for the title role in *The English Patient*. The new film centers on the Sonnenschein (German for "Sunshine") family, which rises from humble beginnings to positions of wealth and power in the crumbling Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The three Sonnenschein men, all played by Fiennes, are the patriarch, Ignatz, who becomes a prominent judge but is torn when his government sanctions anti-Jewish persecutions; his son, Adam, who converts to Christianity to advance his career as a championship fencer and Olympic hero, but is caught up in the Holocaust; and Ivan, Adam's son, who after surviving war, revolution, loss and betrayal, realizes that his ultimate allegiance must be to himself and his heritage.

The film's Hungarian director, Istvan Szabo, says he has been preparing for this project for the last five years. Szabo, who co-wrote the original screenplay with American playwright Israel Horovitz, won an Oscar for *Mephisto* as best foreign film, and critical acclaim for *Colonel Redl*, *Confidence* and *Hanussen*. Also starring in the film are Jennifer Ehle, Rachel Weisz, Molly Parker, William Hurt, Rosemary Harris, Miriam Margolyes and James Frain.



British actor Ralph Fiennes returns to Europe following his portrayal of a sadistic SS officer in 'Schindler's List.'

Shooting will continue through the summer and fall in Budapest, as well as in Vienna and Berlin. No completion or release date has been set, according to a spokeswoman for Toronto-based Alliance Communications Corp., which is producing the film.

Keeping Dizzy's legacy alive

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

In 1988 Cuban clarinetist and alto saxophonist Paquito d'Rivera accepted Dizzy Gillespie's invitation to join the newly formed United Nation Orchestra, a 13-piece band whose aim was to showcase the various styles that influenced the birth of jazz.

Since 1992 d'Rivera, who lives in the US, has become the orchestra's director, continuing with Gillespie's own vision and taking it forward into the next millennium.

He agreed to continue where Gillespie left because "Dizzy and I had many things in common, including our philosophy of life." D'Rivera always had lots of fun playing with this very special band. "We learn from one another and we enjoy each other's company," he explained in a telephone interview from his studio. "I'm the only one who remained in this group from its original members. It's a little like a school. People come here from various traditions and they want to absorb as much as possible."

The United Nation Orchestra is not the only musical ensemble d'Rivera is involved with, and jazz is not the only idiom he writes in. He has his own jazz quintet, and he also regularly composes regularly chamber and symphonic classical music.

"A while ago I played a concert with the National Symphony Orchestra and then I travelled to play jazz in Cologne, and after that chamber music in South America. Look I'm a Gemini, I'm bored with doing only one thing – for example I like to play pool, too, but I'm a terrible player."

D'Rivera enjoys making his home in New Jersey. "I can see New York from here, but I'm not there," he says. "It's like being both close and far enough from the jungle, but I like that jungle, I like being with a lot of people."

In his childhood, d'Rivera listened to his father's records, which encompassed numerous styles, from Mozart to Count Basie. "That's why when I compose I tend to mix jazz with classical music and with Latin American music as well," he says.

D'Rivera first came here as a member of Gillespie's original United Nation Orchestra in 1988 and now returns as the leader of that very orchestra to participate in the mini jazz Latin music festival at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The ensemble plays Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. and Thursday at 8 p.m., in the museum's sculpture garden.

France to host celebration of Israeli culture

By HELEN KAYE

On September 12, choreographer Barak Marshall will ignite a four-month explosion of Israeli culture in France.

The fireworks start when Marshall and his company appear together with Batsheva Dance, Inbal Pinto, Liat Dror and Nir Ben-Gal at the Lyon Biennale de Danse.

It all ends on December 19 in Paris with a joint performance by the Batsheva Ensemble and the Paris Junior Ballet Conservatory.

In between there'll be more dance, theater, street theater, art exhibitions, film, symposia with authors and, of course, music.

Just the numbers are impressive. Some 600 artists in 90 different projects will participate in 150 events in nine major and 17 smaller urban centers throughout France.

The project that Xavier North calls a festival has been three years in the making, and reflects the seriousness with which France regards its cultural exchange agreements with Israel.

"It is our habit to devote a festival season to a different region of the world," says the Paris-based North, who is the liaison with Israel for the festival. "Last year it was Egypt. Next year it will be Morocco."

North was recently here for the sixth time in three years, this time to iron out the last wrinkles in the project. Other trips included bringing representatives from some 50 French cultural institutions to Israel to meet with the artists and see performances.

In addition to Lyon, Israeli culture will be showcased at the Autumn Festival in Paris, the Mediterranean Festival in Strasbourg, the literature week of the Winter Festival in Aix-en-provence and at Southern Fiesta in Marseilles.

Some of the many Israeli musicians appearing are Shlomo Mintz, Itamar Golan, as well as Yair Dellal and the Israel Sinfonietta.

The Gesher Theatre will also be there, along with authors David Grossman, Sami Michael and A.B Yehoshua. Artists Yigal Tumarkin, Micha Ullman, and many, many more people are also participating.

North stresses that the emphasis is not on "parachuting Israeli culture in, but on real cultural exchanges. We have many collaborations, like Batsheva Ensemble and the Junior Ballet, or students from the Paris Conservatory and your Rubin Academy who will work together for three weeks and then perform in concert with Shlomo Mintz.

"There is enormous interest in contemporary Israeli culture," he continues, "stemming I think from a desire to penetrate beyond the media images of Israel [as a society] in a troubled part of the world. People are eager to see how Israelis actually live."

Moreover, contemporary Israeli culture has an energy and a vitality, "which we lack sometimes," North muses.

He agrees that Israeli and Jewish culture are perceived differently "but in no negative sense. I think that we see Jewish culture as one that has more to do with the traditions of Judaism and the different Jewish communities throughout the world, similar and yet discrete, whereas Israeli culture blends these different forms and traditions in very interesting ways.

"We want to show this particular intermingling of cultures, especially as it's all still very young and still forming."

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Another UN obscenity

In the popular mind, a "war crime" is an act so heinous that even the barbarities of war do not make it acceptable.

For centuries, the fact that "laws are silent in time of war," as Cicero put it, has been one of the great failures of civilization. Now, the proposed International Criminal Court is being heralded as a long-awaited correction for that failure.

Unfortunately, the politicization of the war crime issue is a travesty of justice, and shows that the world is not yet ready to put law above politics.

On Friday, a special conference of the United Nations adopted the Rome Convention, establishing an International Criminal Court. Unlike the World Court, which tries nations, the new ICC would try individuals accused of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. The convention was adopted by a vote of 120 to 7, with 21 abstentions.

Israel, as one of the small band of objecting nations, is in odd company here, reportedly (the ballot was secret) lumped together with autocracies China, Libya, Algeria, and Qatar as well as the US and India.

For the US, the vote was a stinging diplomatic rebuke. Washington tried to block the creation of an independent prosecutor and to exempt American citizens and soldiers from the court's jurisdiction, but failed on both counts. Opposing the US were not just the usual suspects but close allies, such as Canada and Britain.

On the other hand, as the vote showed, "non-aligned" nations that are used to getting their way at the UN were also upset at the outcome.

Developing countries unsuccessfully fought Western nations, including Israel, over the application of the war crimes concept to "internal conflicts." Despite their protests, such conflicts would be subject to review by the new court.

The ironic result of this situation was that the US seemed to be lumping itself together with India and China, who were fighting for the right of nations to fight messy internal wars without fear of being hauled before an international tribunal.

In arguing against the convention, the US parroted the Indian line that "governments whose citizens make up at least two-thirds of the world's population" find the treaty "unacceptable."

Adding to the impression that the convention was an exercise in political theater, Syria tried to add a clause defining terrorism as a war crime — presumably out of a perpetrator's close familiarity with the subject. Not to be outdone, India, which has just reintroduced to the world the concept of building self-esteem through nuclear explosions, argued for labeling the use of nuclear weapons a war crime.

But these attempts at politicization, for all their creativity, paled beside what Arab nations succeeded in including, as another tool with which to bludgeon Israel.

For over a year, Israel fought against the insertion by the Arab bloc of a paragraph defining as a war crime the transfer of civilian population from an occupying power to territory that it has occupied.

This attempt to place the relocation of Israelis to Judea and Samaria on the same moral plane as genocide and ethnic cleansing is obscene, and approaches the 1975 "Zionism is racism" resolution as a perversion of the UN's mandate.

Far from being war crimes, Israeli settlements are not illegal, as even the US has effectively admitted. As much as the US opposes Israeli settlements, in 1983 it shifted from calling them "illegal" to branding them "obstacles to peace."

The reason was that it could no longer argue with Israel's plain reading of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which speaks of "forced" transfer of populations.

Further, Israel does not "occupy" the West Bank, since that term applies to controlling territory that was captured from another country in a war of aggression. Judea and Samaria were not legally part of any country, but were unallocated portions of the British Mandate, and in any case were captured by Israel in a defensive war.

If anything, Israel has been extremely cautious legally, in that it did not annex any of the territories it captured in 1967. Even the Golan was not annexed — though Israeli law has been extended over it — while most of the West Bank remains under military administration, emphasizing its legally unresolved status.

Now the perverse legal interpretation that rendered settlements "illegal" — which was embraced by most countries simply because of the political clout of the Arab world — has been ratcheted up to the level of a "war crime."

Regardless of the diplomatic advisability of settlements in the context of the peace process, attempting to further criminalize them is more a reflection on the state of the UN than it is on Israeli actions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOPE FOR AUTISTICS

Sir, – I have just read Sam Orbaum's "Dances with dolphins" (July 13) and I feel impelled to write to tell all people with autistic children that there is hope for them. They should read a book called, *Son-Rise, the Miracle Continues*" by Barry Neil Kaufman, published by H. J. Kramer Inc. at Tiburon, California, and/or get in touch with The Option Institute and Fellowship, POB 1180-SR, 2080 South Undermountain Rd., Sheffield, MA 01257.

The book chronicles the work the author and his wife did with their autistic child and the program they devised that has been used by many people with success with their autistic children. They refused to accept the prognosis of the medical establishment for their child and the horrors of the behavioral therapy that was being used in the 1970s.

By the way, the foreword of the book was written by their son who was studying at university at the time.

ROSALY EVNINE
Jerusalem.

WRONG CRITICISM

Sir, – MK Yossi Beilin was wrong to single out the Arab MKs for voting against the bills to limit the number of exemptions from military service granted to yeshiva students ("Arabs, Right sink draft bill," July 9). It would have been clearly illogical for them to vote in favor. Besides, their four votes in favor would not have been sufficient to pass the measures anyway.

Instead, his anger should have been directed at the National Religious Party, which, for most Israelis, has historically been the "acceptable face" of traditional Judaism.

Their nine votes in favor would have permitted the bills to pass comfortably. Their constituents' sons and daughters have never shirked their responsibility to the state. Consequently, their position is certainly indefensible.

Was Beilin's lack of criticism of the NRP – a historic ally of the Labor Party – just good politics?

IRA SOHN
Jerusalem.

EXCESSIVE PERMISSIVENESS

Sir, – Until our governments learn that excessive permissiveness weakens the core of democratic living, we will continue to have governments that, among other things, support the exemption of Arabs and many yeshiva students from any kind of national service.

Effective democracy involves freedom for the individual, but with accompanying obligations or responsibilities.

Israeli Arabs and yeshiva students benefit from education at all levels, are part of the national health program, and are free to find work here. They have a responsibility to give of themselves in some form of national service.

Freedom without responsibility leads to license.

CHAIM LANGERT
Jerusalem.

OLD SOLDIERS

Sir, – There is an old saying in the United Kingdom that: "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away".

In Israel it is different: "Old soldiers never die, they just go into politics."

H. RALF HELLINGER
Tel Aviv.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On July 20, 1933: *The Palestine Post* reported the Palestine Government's announcement that the new two million Palestine Pound loan would be spent on the settlement of Arabs on land, credits for agriculture, water supply and drainage for Jerusalem and Haifa, a countrywide hydrographic survey, new schools, post offices and telephone exchange buildings, an oil export dock at Haifa and the improvement of the Jaffa Port.

50 years ago: On July 20, 1948, *The Palestine Post* announced that Count Bernadotte was working on a sharp revision of the Partition Plan for submission to the UN General Assembly.

The Arab Legion continued to violate Jerusalem's cease-fire by sniping and mortaring the town, causing numerous casualties. Five British employees of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation were held on charges of espionage.

25 years ago: On July 20, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that a young Palestinian terrorist left Athens for Kuwait on a safe conduct flight after his thwarted lone raid on the El Al office and tense bargaining for the lives of 17 hostages whom he held – and threatened to kill – for more than four hours.

Alexander Zvielli

Up on the roof

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

The media created quite a commotion around architect Israel Gudovitch's proposal to place a giant cybernetic replica of Benno Elkan's menora on the Knesset roof.

According to the plan, the menora – which will stand 26 meters high and 14 meters wide – is to be engulfed in a giant Star of David. Many people termed it absolute kitsch, while others said it would lift our faltering national pride.

In the heat of the argument, most of the participants failed to notice that the idea was designed as a temporary "happening" to attract attention to the Knesset as it celebrates its 50th anniversary in early 1999, not as a permanent fixture.

The truth of the matter is that the Knesset building – a flat-roofed structure in the late international style, combining elements of neo-classicist and brutalist architecture, and reminiscent of several US embassy buildings constructed around the world in the late 1950s and early 1960s – is a perfect setting for some imaginative visual annotation.

The idea of placing a giant menora on the Knesset roof not only raises questions of aesthetics, but also calls for a debate on the place of national symbols in our lives

It is also perfectly in keeping with his mercurial nature that Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon should have liked the idea – not so much (or perhaps not at all) by the actual prospect of executing it, as by the rumpus it would cause.

In fact, the idea of creating a major visual happening on the occasion of the 50th anniversary was originally proposed to Tichon by another architect: David Kroyanker, who has authored a magnificent series of books on Jerusalem architecture.

In a conversation several months ago, Kroyanker mentioned the widely reported event in Berlin a few years back, in which the old Reichstag building had been wrapped in plastic sheets. He suggested that the Knesset hold a competition among Israeli art and design students for an event of a similar magnitude.

He said such a contest would attract attention to the building and what goes on inside it, in the competition stage and in the realization stage.

Tichon liked the idea instantly, but for various reasons it was not followed up. Thus, when Gudovitch offered his idea concerning the menora, it fell on fertile ground.

HOWEVER, the specific idea of the menora is especially charged, for the debate it raises is not merely about aesthetics but also about national symbols and their place in our national life.

The debate about aesthetics is basically between the country's cultural elite – those who set the bon ton – who find the idea vulgar, and "laymen" with less sophisticated tastes, who don't give a damn about the bon ton, and really and truly like the idea of a giant, shimmy menora rotating inside an equally giant Star of David on the Knesset roof. But the debate about symbols touches on politics, and in the current national mood it is liable to get nasty.

I am opposed to the menora idea less on aesthetic grounds or those of national symbols. What I object to as a matter of principle is the thought of using the replica of a work of art by an artist whose permission cannot be asked. The original menora, which stands in the middle of a small square opposite the Knesset's Palombo gates, was created by the German-born English-Jewish sculptor Benno Elkan (1877-1960), and presented to the Knesset as a gift by the British parliament on the occasion of Israel's eighth independence day in 1956.

Elkan had hoped that his menora, which bears the Biblical phrase "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts," would be given a place of honor inside the permanent Knesset building, once it was built, and designed a corner for it, with special upper lighting, which would emphasize its beautiful reliefs. Chief rabbi Isaac Halevy Herzog even gave his approval for placing the menora, which depicts human figures, inside the building.

As it happened, the menora was left outside the building, but since the artist passed away before the Knesset building was completed, he did not live to see his dream dashed. As far as Elkan's memory is concerned, placing a vulgarized replica of his work on the Knesset roof would be adding insult to injury.

This does not mean that the idea of some bombastic "happening" should be given up. On the contrary, it isn't too late to return to Kroyanker's original idea of holding a competition for some worthy visual event that will achieve what Dan Tichon wanted to achieve in the first place: a visual provocation which will draw attention to the Knesset on its 50th anniversary.

Dry Bones



Blinded by the heat

YOSEF GOELL

I've just come back from a six-week, 15,000 km. camper trip from the US West Coast to Alaska and back. Besides exposing me to the stunning scenery, the trip provided me with an opportunity to mull over comparative national foibles and dementias at a great distance from our own Peyton Place on the Yarkon.

Coming back to the July heat of Israel, the weekend papers and electronic media were full of the Strashnov-Manbar affair. To judge by the prolonged American popular ho-hum and even faint amusement over President Clinton's reported sexual proclivities – as opposed to the continuing media fascination with the topic – I would guess that our local soap opera will also blow over in time.

The real problem with issues of this sort, however, is that they tend to distract the focus of public attention from more serious issues and social dementias. In between the interminable reports about suspicion of sex in high places, I also read that our religious madness is continuing to plumb unprecedented depths with reports that burial societies have been circumcising dead men and with the rabbis having no intention of stopping them.

This is on a par with the continuing activities of those among us who are seriously preparing for the rebuilding of the Third Temple in Jerusalem with an emphasis on reintroducing animal sacrifice. How many still remember the flurry last year over the alleged birth of a "ritually purifying" red heifer in a moshav in western Galilee?.

We are not alone in such madnesses. This weekend, the Russians, led by their not always *compos mentis* President Yeltsin, were busy reinterring the bones of Czar Nicholas II and his family, who were murdered by the Bolsheviks 80 years ago.

There is a very real danger that a bemused, heat-stricken, sex-fascinated media will collude in diverting public attention from the major issues

While I understand the internal political rationale for this grisly event – the current reburial, not the ancient murder – I subscribe to the old democratic tenet that the tree of liberty must be watered periodically with the blood of tyrants, although not necessarily with that of their wives and daughters.

This particular act of madness served primarily to remind me of the social horrors of the Romanov czardom and the justification, at the time, of the revolutionary excesses entailed in the frenzy of getting rid of that tyranny.

This whole issue, of course, also serves to divert public attention and rage from the inability of today's "democratic" Russian political leadership to extricate their people from the anarchy and mafiocracy into which the US-orchestrated mad dash toward a "free-market economy" has flung them.

THE US, which is neither reinterring the bones of George III, reintroducing animal sacrifice, nor circumcising dead men, is nevertheless deeply immersed in its own grisly social madness: the recurrence of horrible cases in which teenagers and even pre-teens around the country – not necessarily in the crime-ridden inner cities – are involved in killing their elementary and junior-high school classmates.

Compared to us, the Russians and the Americans of "the Lower 48," the Alaskans seem to be downright sane. Perhaps they expended their quota of collective madness during the Klondike gold rush of 1897-98, whose centenary is being celebrated this year.

One of the wonderful things I discovered about Alaska is that as a result of the North Shore oil bonanza of the past two decades, residents of Alaska do not pay state income tax; better yet, the state pays them an annual grant of $1,300 per person on condition that they were resident at least half of the year.

Most Alaskans qualify, and many of them apparently use the grant to finance annual escapes from the cold and 24-hour dark of winter to Florida, Arizona, Mexico, Guatemala or elsewhere.

We in Israel are not so lucky. Our government and Knesset politicos are currently involved in rolling back the reasonably balanced national health law that was legislated only a few years ago and in dealing with a proposed income tax reform that is intended primarily to benefit the new rich among us.

Modern Israel is such a new, small and transparent a society that we don't really have an old money-eyed class, and the processes by which the new rich became so have been highly visible.

The imposition of additional health fees on the more hapless sectors of the public, the proposed reduction of marginal tax rates from 50 percent to 38 percent and the continuing shameful cutting to the bone of (non-religious) education budgets are the most serious public developments going on at present.

There is a very real danger that a bemused, heat-stricken, sex-fascinated media, that is apparently also genetically programmed to rechew the cud of the second withdrawal for the umpteenth time, will collude in diverting public attention from these major issues.

Saved by immigrants

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

For decades now, the prospect of world overpopulation – and the impoverishment, resource depletion and ecological damage associated with it – have dominated our nightmares and permeated our politics.

Population control, particularly Third World population, is something on which we all reflexively, vaguely agree. We may argue over whether abortion should be included among the means to achieve it. But the end – fewer mouths to feed – is not in dispute.

Maybe it should be. A startling and unjustly overlooked article by Nick Eberstadt in the *Public Interest* (Fall 1997) explodes the conventional wisdom. Drawing on the United Nations' 1996 report, "World Population Prospects," Eberstadt finds a quite plausible scenario that shows world population stabilizing in 40 years at 7.7 billion (it is just under 6 billion today) and, even more astonishing, declining thereafter.

This scenario posits no war or epidemic or other scourge to do the job. It simply assumes that today's radical decline in fertility worldwide continues.

And radical it is. In the developed nations, the rate has fallen from 2.8 children per woman in the early 1950s to 1.5 today. In the less-developed nations, it has fallen from 6 to just under 3.

In America, where full-page ads for ZPG (zero population growth) still grace the tonier political magazines, awareness of this historic change has been slow in coming. It has taken a while for Ben Wattenberg's warning about "The Birth Dearth," the name of his 1987 book on the dwindling population of the West, to take hold. On July 10, however, it received the imprimatur of the *New York Times* in a front-page article highlighting the unprecedented population implosion now taking place in Europe.

They are the magic cure – the American cure – for the birth dearth

Not a single country on the continent has a fertility rate high enough to maintain its current population. Italy, for example, is now the first nation ever with more people over 60 than under 20. In Bologna, there will soon be 25 people over 50 for every child under 5.

Eberstadt estimates that in 1900 the median age in the world was about 20. In the mid-21st century, it will be about 42. And in such countries as Japan, Italy and Germany, the median age will be in the mid-fifties! Result? Social disaster: children with no blood relatives but their parents; no brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins. (That's what happens when you have two consecutive generations of single-child families.)

Historic disaster: countries losing half their population every two generations. And economic disaster: Not enough working young people to pay the pensions of the old.

WHILE Europe is committing suicide, what happens to the United States? Here the fertility rate is barely at replacement level. But we are saved – by immigration.

Immigration is a lifesaver not just for bulking up our numbers. (And raw numbers matter: You can have the highest per capita income in the world, but if you've got no capita, you've got no income.)

It illuminates one of the great paradoxes in American life: How is it that American schools are consistently among the worst in the developed world and yet we lead the world in science and technology and R&D in just about every field?

The answer is simple. We import many of our best brains. Walk down any corridor in the laboratories of the National Institutes of Health, for example, and you'll meet the best young minds from every corner of the globe. And many of them stay. Indeed, our computer industry is now begging Congress for an increase in the quota of skilled immigrants to cover our huge shortfall in high-tech workers.

The anti-immigrant demagogues warn that immigration is the road to Balkanization. They are wrong. At the start of this century there were (as a percentage of the population) 50 percent more foreign-born US residents than there are today. And yet the Irish and Italians and Jews and Poles and Chinese and Japanese of that immigrant wave assimilated so remarkably into the American mainstream that today they *are* the American mainstream.

The problem today is not unassimilable *immigrants* but an American educational elite that, in the name of ethnic authenticity and multiculturalism, would like them to be unassimilable. Hence the imposition of such devices as bilingual education – a euphemism for slighting and delaying English instruction – that not just celebrate but perpetuate ethnic separatism.

California's Proposition 227, effectively abolishing bilingual education, marks a welcome resurgence of American common sense. Immigrants are our future. We owe a duty to them – and to ourselves as a nation – to make them American as quickly as possible.

We'd better. Immigrants are the magic cure – the American cure – for the birth dearth.

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Bottom's Up

The Middle Class: Winning in Politics, Losing in Life

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

THE great American middle class. Politicians of the left and right court it. Policies, liberal and conservative, are proclaimed on its behalf. Health care reform was to have eased its cares. Tuition subsidies educate its children. President Clinton made a "middle class tax cut" a centerpiece of his election campaign.

Most voters see themselves as members of the middle class, so Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, picked up the theme. When the Republican-controlled Congress finally passed a tax bill last year, he described it as the Republican "fulfillment of what President Clinton promised — a middle class tax cut."

But for all its mythic power, the middle class is finishing last in the race for improvement in the current economic boom. At the top and bottom of the economic ladder, wages are rising briskly. In the middle, they are rising slowly. This is unusual. While upper-income people often improve their lot faster than the middle class, lower-income workers hardly ever do.

The middle class of political exhortation and national myth isn't the same as the statistical middle of the wage scale, the place where progress is surprisingly slow. Half of the so-called middle class tax cuts enacted last year went to people earning more than $93,000. And while the median household earns almost $40,000 a year, the median individual wage is much lower: $11.13 an hour last month, or about $23,000 a year for a 40-hour work week.

It isn't that workers in this statistical middle — people earning roughly $23,000 to $32,000 a year for a 40-hour week — are visibly aggrieved because they are losing ground to their upper- and lower-earning fellow citizens. After all, their pay has gone up faster than the inflation rate over the last two years, even if the increase is not as great as the one experienced by lower- and upper-income workers.

"Everyone seems to be reacting to the favorable improvement in their pay," said Richard Curtin, director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan. "But the longer the expansion lasts, the more people will turn toward comparisons with other groups. That's when the grumbling and the wage demands begin. When you look across society, you are not really seeing that yet."

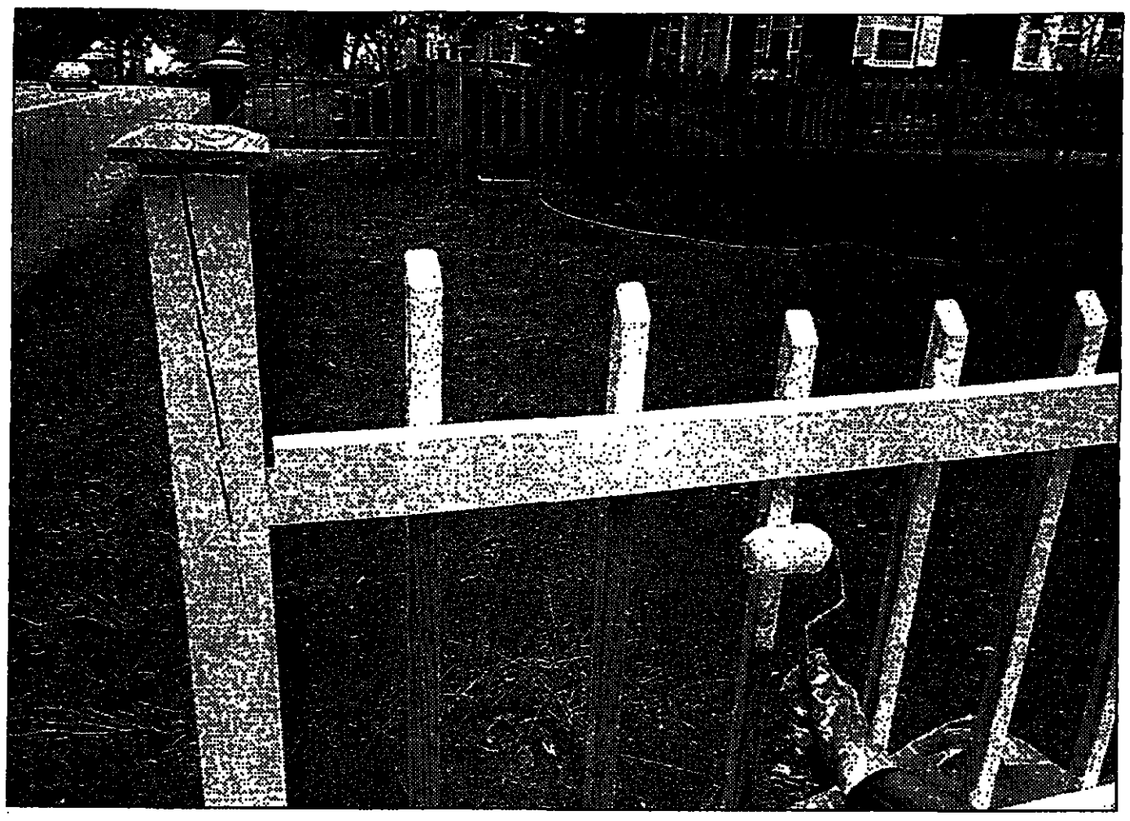
The Middle-Class Life

Lots of things can help someone improve his lot in life, of course. A rising stock market, tax breaks, inheritance, government subsidies like Medicare and Social Security, extra hours on the job and overtime pay all play roles, particularly for those at the top and bottom of the income ladder. The really wealthy often rely not on wages but on earnings from their investments. And many households put together the wages of two or three household members, bringing the median household income to nearly $40,000, which is enough to live a middle-class life in most of the United States.

By some estimates, a family of four must bring in at least $27,000 a year from one or more wage earners to maintain what John Schwarz, a political scientist at Arizona State University, describes as "a minimally adequate standard of living." In pursuit of that goal, most people measure their standing in the work force by what they earn individually on the job.

The bottom 20 percent on the national wage scale,

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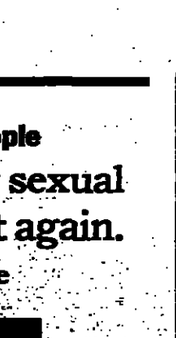
In America, middle class is as much a state of mind as an economic reality. In fact, the economics of middle-class life are often overlooked in the paeans to middle-class values. In the current boom, the statistical middle is falling behind; wage-earners at the top and bottom are improving their lot the fastest.

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By JOHN TAGLIABUE

ROME

UNCERTAIN whose side financial history was on, Britain declined earlier this year to abandon its venerable currency, the pound sterling, for the euro, the new currency of the European Union. But while the pound and its keepers at the Bank of England are not represented at the shiny new European Central Bank in Frankfurt, in the heart of Deutsche mark territory, Britain is a presence nonetheless. When the new bank's board holds its regular meetings, the language its 11 members use is English.

"If a Finnish banker wants to address his German colleague," said a bank spokeswoman, "instead of using an interpreter, he simply speaks English." But, she added, English may not be called the bank's "official language," only its "communication language" because the 15-nation European Union has 15 official languages.

Studying Jim Morrison

What this really reflects is that while Europe has at least 15 languages, Europeans are increasingly using one: English.

Of course, Europeans are not about to give up their native tongues. But the trend toward using English runs deep, and not just among globetrotting executives. Europe is uniting rapidly, as the adoption of the euro shows, and Europeans recognize that in a world of collapsing distances and borders, and pervasive American cultural influence, English is the language that the Old Continent must use to communicate.

English seeps into the lives of Europeans at many levels. To liven up a German class, a teacher in Bonn had her students translate a song by Jim Morrison. She assumed, correctly, that they were proficient in English and idolized Morrison, so she sought to hone their German skills by having them put his images into their native tongue.

Thanks to the movies, rural Italians know



Naum Kazhdan/The New York Times

Increasingly, Europe is adopting English. Its magazines reflect the trend.

what the expression "The Full Monty" means. In ads, the inclusion of a few English words has long conferred international flair. In magazines across the Continent, Bally shoes from Switzerland are advertised with the word "breathtaking." Nokia telephones from Finland are for "connecting the people," whatever their language. In the Netherlands, Philips peddles coffee makers with the slogan, "Let's make things better." In Italy, a company called Clarion sells car radios with the words, "Looking for the top, you'd better look down."

In recent years, English got a big boost as phone deregulation unleashed a wave of ads for competing systems whose slogans are, more often than not, in English. Indeed, Germans were startled earlier this year when their phone company, Deutsche Telekom, changed its bills to read "City-Calls" and "German-Calls," in place of the cumbersome German expressions for local and long distance calls — Ortsgespräche and Ferngespräche. The Institute for the German Language, which defines the rules for the use of German, protested, to no avail. Telekom focus groups reported that the catchy English expressions "reflected the Zeitgeist," wrote the weekly magazine Der Spiegel, "and it speaks English."

The latest and perhaps most forceful boost

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millionaire, many times over.

The Nation

Tales From the Front Line of Sexual Harassment

By MARGOT SLADE

SEXUAL harassment laws have always been notoriously confusing, so there was much cheering when the Supreme Court clarified things by issuing new harassment guidelines last month.

The Court made it clear that employers are always legally responsible for the harassing behavior of supervisors. But it made the world a bit safer for employers by offering them a defense: an effective anti-harassment policy and complaint procedures that employees disregard at their own risk. The Court helped both sides understand what harassment is by explaining in a case involving men that it is the conduct that is at issue — not the sex or sexual desires of the people involved.

In clarifying matters, however, the Court invited new kinds of sexual harassment complaints, from people who turned down sexual advances or felt threatened in the workplace but did not suffer professional harm, and from men and women intimidated by the behavior of people of the same sex.

So there's still plenty of uncertainty for employers and employees alike. In the wake of the Court's new rulings, for example, employers must consider how to make policies comprehensive and what kinds of policies reflect "reasonable care" in preventing and correcting harassment. And even where ineffective policies exist, employees must now consider the consequences of sidestepping them.

Lawyers for both plaintiffs and employers, and the consultants who help companies devise and update their policies, say it will all come down to the white-knuckle moment when a judge or jury decides what is reasonable or not. Here are case studies drawn from the files of consultants and interpreted in light of the Supreme Court's new rulings.

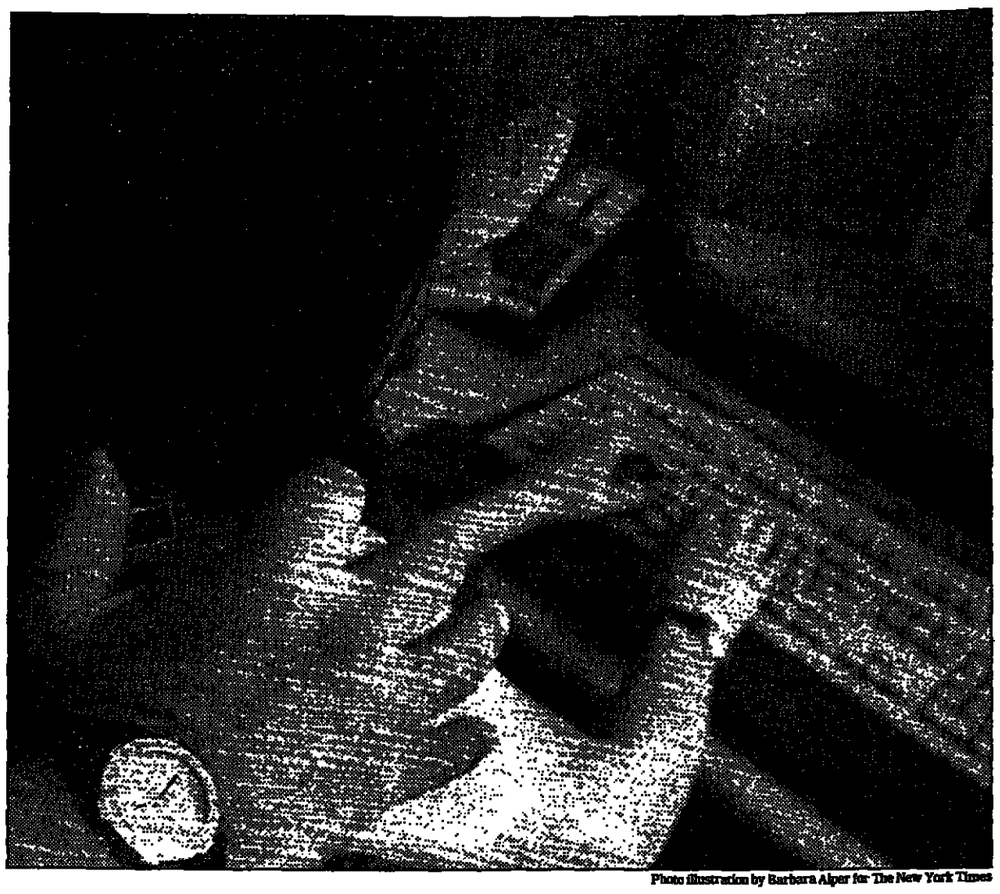


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Sexual Hazing

A manufacturing company has a heavily immigrant multiracial work force. At one of its union plants, the integration of women has been recent and difficult. There is a history here of hazing that takes a sexual form. There is a history, too, of management efforts to discipline men for harassing women — the company has a written anti-harassment policy — and of union support for the men.

An African man, a recent arrival to the United States, is hired. Within days, he makes clear that he objects on religious grounds to explicit discussions of sexuality, whether in words, jokes or descriptions of someone's sexual activities. But the more he protests, the more his co-workers — joined occasionally by a department manager — indulge in sexual banter.

Soon, the new employee is ostracized. He spends more time alone reading, sometimes religious materials, which prompts more heckling. The shop steward warns the men to tone it down or risk management discipline. They don't.

The new employee disregards the union's grievance procedure — he does not report management's inaction. He also disregards the chain of command spelled out in the company's complaint process and goes to an executive demanding relief.

Resolution: Management transfers the worker to another plant, explaining that the workplace environment was too poisonous to heal. His co-workers are chastised, and for a while the atmosphere during breaks is less sexually charged.

Comments: Management is lucky, said Peggy Garrity, a Santa Monica, Calif., litigator who represents plaintiffs in discrimination cases. Even though the company had a policy and acted appropriately in the end, "the new employee could have sued and the company would have had little defense," she said.

Supervisors knew what was happening. And given the company's history, and a supervisor's participation in the heckling, the employee's action was not unreasonable. Freada Klein of Klein Associates Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., a consultant on issues of workplace bias, said the company needed to retool its policy "to articulate general principles, not situation-specific rules." And it should institute a training program so everyone understands that crude or sexual behavior is no longer tolerated.

Falling Off the Fast Track

At a profitable, publicly held company, rumors of the chief executive's affairs with women on staff are rampant. This executive has even acted inappropriately at social gatherings toward the wives of the company's directors — uninvited touching, for example. The wives have told their husbands.

In recent months, the executive has become smitten with the business acumen and beauty of a female manager, who is perceived by many colleagues as being on a fast track. She is bold in her thinking and actions, which to many male colleagues makes her a threat. She has enjoyed a string of business successes, but a recent deal went badly awry.

At a company cocktail party, the chief executive continually brushes against her as he talks about his sexual conquests. She resorts to the company's complaint process, which is spelled out in a policy distributed to employees.

During the weeks after the party, the manager is denied a bonus and is removed from a high-visibility task force. She cries retaliation. The executive insists the company was responding to her soured deal. "She wants to be judged on her performance," he tells his directors. "So be it."

Resolution: The woman is leaving the company, which is trying to head off a lawsuit with a negotiated settlement.

Comments: The company, Ms. Klein said, would lose a lawsuit, since "reasonable care" means taking preventive measures. "The directors knew there was a problem" and should have been predisposed to interpret the executive's actions as retaliation.

Paul Salvatore, a partner in the labor and employment law department of Proskauer Rose in New York, agreed, saying, "This c.e.o. was a walking liability." This kind of situation is extremely difficult, he added, because few company policies anticipate that the problem supervisor will be a chief executive. "Who are you going to complain to and about?" he said.

The Reluctant Complainer

A high-level manager visits a client in Scandinavia, where he attends an office function. Returning to the United States, he regales his female colleague with stories of late-night dinners and club hopping, where the entertainers were scantily clad women. He even brings photographs, knowing his female colleague is a world traveler who has visited Scandinavia.

An administrative assistant who works for him and several other executives overhears the conversation. She is scandalized. After a time, the manager offers to show her the photographs. She says no thanks, so he removes them from sight.

There is more. The administrative assistant knows through the grapevine that the manager belongs to an in-house group whose members exchange bawdy jokes via E-mail. One day, the manager inadvertently sends her such a message. He realizes his mistake and apologizes. Later, he asks her to retrieve a budget report from his in-box, but the top item is a soft-porn video.

The administrative assistant tells no one, but avoids working for the manager. She explains to her supervisor that she's not comfortable with him. The supervisor inquires further and she recounts the E-mail and video stories. When asked why she didn't speak up earlier, the administrative assistant says she thought she wouldn't be taken seriously.

Resolution: Following the company's sexual harassment policy, an investigator determines that the E-mail message was indeed inadvertent and that the video had been manufactured by the manager's client. But a memo is sent to all employees saying that the use of E-mail for bawdy jokes is inappropriate and must stop. The manager is sent for training to help him develop better judgment. He is also given a new assistant, so that no one need worry about perceived retaliation or the fairness of the woman's job evaluations.

Comments: "Well handled," Mr. Salvatore said. "That's how it should work." Had the woman sued, he added, the company had a defense: a viable complaint process and her decision not to use it. But Ms. Garrity and Ms. Klein said the woman's situation needs monitoring since other employees might blame her for the manager's censure and the shutdown of the E-mail exchange.

One of the Guys

A woman works as a supervisor at a construction company — a traditionally male environment. She prides herself on being able to deflect the sexual banter ing common on the job.

There is a problem with one project and the company brings in a new district manager, expressing confidence that he can salvage it.

The manager arranges to meet the woman at different times to observe the crews, review the books and, he says, learn from her expertise. Soon he's calling her at home suggesting they meet for breakfast. She senses that something's amiss, but she figures she can handle it.

Then she starts getting job-related messages on her home answering machine at all hours of the night. She E-mails responses to the office. One evening she answers the phone and it's him, asking questions he could have posed at the office. Suddenly he says: "I always see you in a hard hat and overalls. What are you wearing now?" She changes the subject and hangs up.

She is panicked. After all, he's a star and she's expendable; the company and the industry have long tolerated sexual bantering and worse, and she has a reputation for being unflappable, which she wants to uphold. So although the company has a written sexual harassment policy and process — admittedly minimal and devoid of training — she doesn't use it.

The woman loses sleep and feels ill much of the time. Meanwhile, the man takes her to lunch, casually brushing against her hand during the meal.

One night, while she is working late, he appears and insists they go out. She says no and tries to leave. He blocks the way, kissing her on the mouth. She pushes him aside and rushes home.

Resolution: Her health deteriorates. She goes on disability leave, never to return, and then sues.

Comments: "This is the cutting edge of rock-and-roll," Mr. Salvatore said. "The company policy may be ineffective, but I don't know that she'd win." Forget her pride and the disparity between her power and his, Ms. Garrity said — she was a supervisor who understood complaint procedures. "She'd have to throw herself on the mercy of the court to explain why not using them was reasonable," she said. This company, she added, "has a good shot at a solid defense."

For Con Artists, It's Easy to Fly Under the Radar



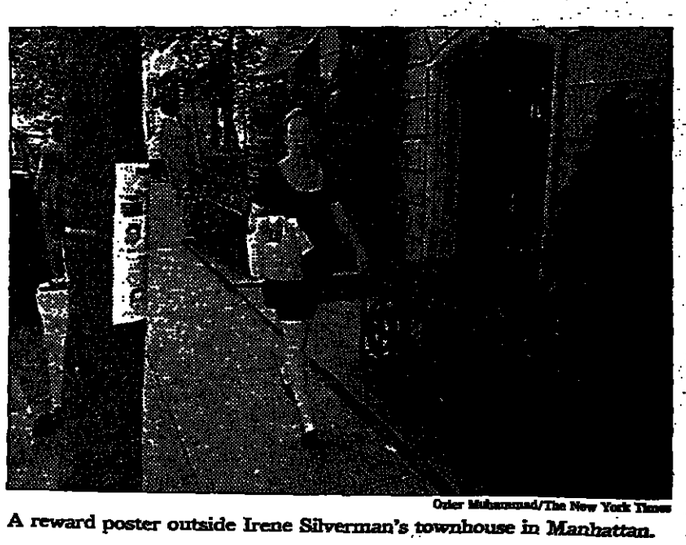
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The Kimes house on this Oahu land was destroyed in a suspicious fire.



Monica Almeida/The New York Times

The Kimeses once lived in this Las Vegas house, now abandoned.



Osier Muhammad/The New York Times

A reward poster outside Irene Silverman's townhouse in Manhattan.

By DON VAN NATTA Jr.

WASHINGTON

THEY commit their crimes with alarming frequency, emboldened by the knowledge that it is unlikely they will ever get caught. They are scammers and grifters, and the police often do not have the time or the patience to pursue them.

But what happens when the con artist leaves a few dead bodies buried in a trail of ingenious scams and old liens? Is that enough to get the attention of the police?

In the case of Sante and Kenneth Kimes, the mother-and-son grifter team suspected in the disappearance of Irene Silverman, a wealthy woman in New York City, it was an Utah arrest warrant issued last April for a bad check that led to their arrest this month. The police suspect that the Kimeses committed a series of minor and major crimes over the past several years — theft, arson, fraud and perhaps even the murders of Mrs. Silverman and two others.

The Kimes case forcefully demonstrates that it can take a lot for the authorities to team up and search the country for suspected swindlers. It also raises questions about whether the police should put a higher priority on tracking down the more prolific scam artists — particularly those who move around the country — before they graduate to more serious crimes.

"The problem is, the con is like the marijuana of the fraud world," said Tom Cash, a 30-year Federal investigator who now works in the Miami Office of Kroll Associates, a corporate investigations firm. "It just isn't worth chasing because there's so damn much of it."



Associated Press

Sante Kimes



Associated Press

Kenneth Kimes

And the police can be less than sympathetic toward the victims of con artists, Mr. Cash said. "After all, it's not the downtrodden who normally get ripped off. They don't have any money to lose. It is usually the well-to-do — the lawyers, the stockbrokers and the supposed intelligentsia. And the way society sees it, most of that group can afford to get ripped off and should have known better anyway."

Criminologists say that the public has high, often unrealistic expectations that the police can easily track down fugitives, even petty thieves and scammers. As one police officer who works on such cases said: "Everybody believes there is a great big computer database that tracks everyone's movements. People have watched too much TV."

Still, the police have become far more sophisticated in tracking down fugitives in recent years. A task force in Minnesota was searching for a man wanted in the 1995 Valentine's Day murder of his ex-girlfriend, but learned from acquaintances that he had fled to Mexico. Because obtaining an international arrest warrant is time consuming and difficult, the police tried something else. They floated a bogus story to the man's acquaintances to lure him back to the United States. They would not divulge the details of the ruse, but said it worked. The man returned to his sister's home in Virginia, where he was arrested. It took just six weeks.

Some scams are so complicated, or so scattered around the globe, that the authorities have difficulty unraveling them. For example, some international scam artists manufacture their products in the Virgin Islands, operate telemarketing rooms in South Florida and are incorporated in Liechtenstein. So it is not that the cases are small; their complexity chases away all but the most patient, dedicated sleuths.

In the Kimes's case, the authorities did not begin to pay serious attention until 1996, when some acquaintances of the Kimeses started to disappear. Syed Bilal Ahmed, a banker in the Bahamas who had dinner with Mrs. Kimes in September, 1996, has not been seen since. Last March, the body of another associate, a Los Angeles businessman named David Kazdin, was found in a Dumpster at Los Angeles International Airport.

It was only then that Los Angeles and Federal authorities formed a task force to catalogue the activities of the Kimeses, who continued to elude and confound them with aliases and an uncanny sense of when to skip town. Although the Kimeses still only face charges for writing a single bad check, officials believe they were responsible for a string of crimes in the Bahamas, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Utah, Louisiana, Washington, D.C., Florida and, finally, New York.

The authorities fear they may have been only a matter of hours late in arresting the Kimeses in New York City. Mrs. Silverman was reported missing just hours before the Kimeses were taken into custody. Detectives found her passport and other papers in the Kimeses' possession, and believe they were attempting to take possession of her East Side townhouse.

"There is a lesson in there for the professional scam artist," said Mr. Cash, of Kroll Associates. "If you want to stay under the radar screen and keep making a living by ripping people off, don't kill anybody."

The World

Catholic Enough To Die in Ulster

By WARREN HOGE

BALLYMONEY, Northern Ireland

CHRISSIE QUINN, a 29-year-old Catholic, lived in a drab housing project where the only religious colors displayed were the red, white and blue of Protestantism.

So she sent her sons, Catholic by heritage but never baptized, to an all-Protestant primary school. "I brought them up as Protestants because their fathers were Protestants and because we were living on a Protestant estate," she explained. "I thought it was the right thing to do. I didn't want them to feel different."

But they were different enough for the Protestant arsonists who early Sunday morning threw a gasoline bomb into their living room window. Now their two-story house, the only one on the block not to fly the Union Jack, stands out from the others even more because it is the only one with boarded up windows and an ugly black smear of soot rising above its doorway.

And three of Miss Quinn's four boys are dead, symbols of a reality of the sectarian violence here: All it takes is a trace of one religious background to make someone an enemy in the murderous minds of people from the other side.

Miss Quinn, her 31-year-old partner, Raymond Craig, and an 18-year-old friend escaped the flames last weekend by hurling themselves out a downstairs window. But the three boys, Richard, 11, Mark, 10, and Jason, 9, were trapped upstairs and burned to death in their beds.

Hatreds

Their killings brought expressions of horror from around the world, and so stunned Northern Ireland that a province-wide rampage of rioting, over a ban on a Protestant parade through a Catholic area, abated as mainstream Protestant and Catholic leaders sought to revive the spirit of a landmark peace accord signed in May.

But places like North Antrim, the densely Protestant part of Northern Ireland where the Quinns lived, offer evidence of how difficult it is to dispel hatreds on the ground. Catholics account for more than 45 percent of the province's overall population, but in many communities in this region they make up less than 10 percent. They become particularly watchful in July, when the Protestant marching season sends the men of the Loyal Orange Order of Portadown out into the streets in their bowler hats, and more sinister supporters of the Protestant cause commonly resort to violent action like arson.



Reuters

An innocent in Ulster: a girl with Protestant Orangemen in a standoff with security forces over a banned march through Drumcree.



Associated Press

Jason, Mark and Richard Quinn: Catholic heritage, Protestant upbringing.

Besides the Quinns, there were a half dozen other Catholic families in the Carnany housing project, and a number of them reported last week that they had gone to sleep every night this month with fire extinguishers by their bedsides and garden hoses attached to sink taps. Many of them had received letters carrying a single bullet and a brutishly scribbled warning to get out.

"I never got one, and I thought we were all right," Miss Quinn said. Her uncle, Robert Patton, 53, says he knows she was worried, though. "She told the kids to come home early," he said. "She had a feeling that something was going to happen."

The boys parked their bikes by the fence, where they still stand immobile today, and went upstairs to bed by midnight. Taking care, Miss Quinn stayed awake and watchful until 3 A.M. The arsonists struck at 4:30.

What had kept the boys out late is poignantly emblematic of how comfortable they felt in the local Protestant culture (however uneasy Catholic adults may feel). They were frolicking at a bonfire, one of the many that light up the sky this time of year in commemoration of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, when the Protestant King William defeated James, a Catholic. July 12 is the most important date on the Northern Irish Protestant calendar, and it is the day the three Quinn boys died for having been born Catholics.

Catholic Flight

And in the aftermath of their deaths, every block of the Carnany housing project now has moving vans on it. The people fleeing are like the Quinns, people who dared co-mingle the province's two warring communities.

The boys — known by the impish nicknames of Tavish, Marky and Ace — are remembered with fondness by people in the project, including Protestants. "They were just three tearaway wains," said Margaret Thompson, using a Scottish term for children common in this area where many Protestants trace their background across the North Channel. "They got into devilment, but they were not bad. They were just full of life and carry-on."

Two teen-age neighbors, Andrea Ramsey and Amanda McAlonan, also Protestants, remembered how the boys loved to surprise them with kisses and then sprint off. "They were just playful, lovable wee devils," said Amanda.

The two girls composed a poem for the boys' requiem mass Tuesday, prompting a burst of emotional applause from the Catholics and Protestants who packed the church. Titled "Tribute to Three Jolly Fellas," it concluded with the lines:

I can still feel the cold, wet lips of when I kissed you and then you ran away
So I guess the next few lines are going to have to be goodbye
I miss you so much, your little lips long to touch
Kisses and hugs. Rest in peace.

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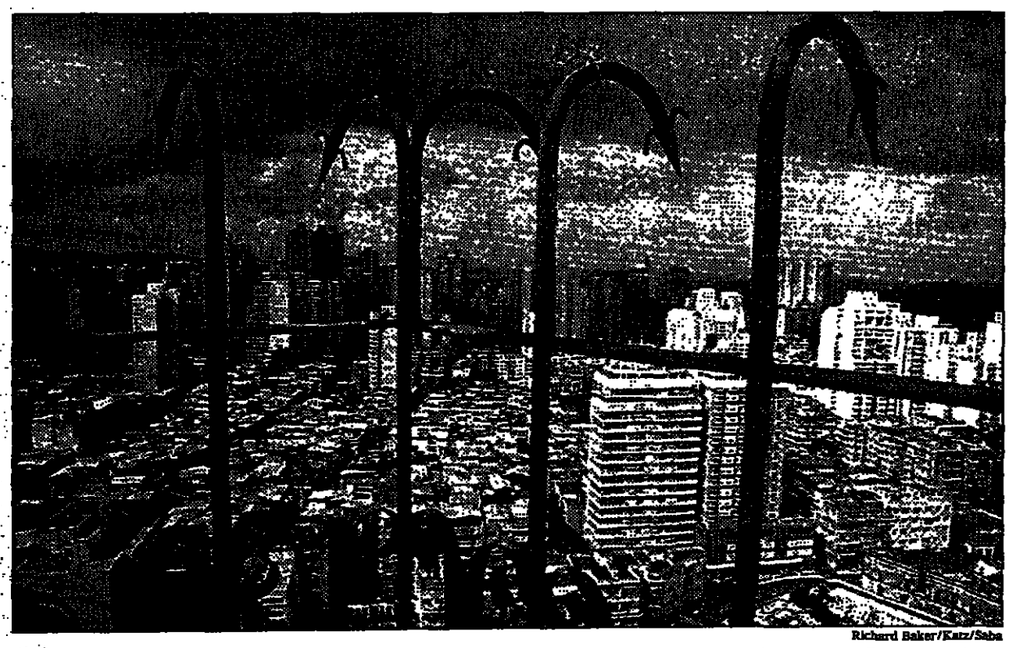
By MARK LANDLER

MACAO

THE runways are clogged these days at Macao's normally dozy airport, where dozens of cargo planes originally bound for Hong Kong have been diverted. Hong Kong's new $20 billion international airport has been in a state of chaos since it opened two weeks ago, and frustrated shippers have been forced to unload their goods in neighboring Macao.

It is a rich turn of events for this vest-pocket Portuguese colony, which lies 38 miles across the Pearl River delta from Hong Kong and a world away from its disciplined capitalism. For years, people in Hong Kong have viewed Macao with a sort of benign contempt — as a charming but shiftless place, good for a quick gambling trip but certainly no rival to its gleaming neighbor.

Now Macao is helping Hong Kong cope with the latest of a string of indignities that have befallen the former British colony in the 12 months since it reverted to China. From Asian economic flu to the bird flu, little has gone right for Hong Kong under Chinese rule. With Macao's own handover to China less than 18 months away, on Dec. 20, 1999, people here might be expected to fear for their future.



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With its economy in a rut and gang warfare hurting tourism, Macao is looking forward to Chinese rule.



Macao, a peninsula and two islands with a population of 502,000, has been a Portuguese colony since 1557.

Gang Wars

For the most part, though, the Macanese are welcoming the Chinese with open arms. For despite its current superiority in air-cargo handling, Macao suffers from ills that make Hong Kong's troubles look paltry. Its economy has been in a rut since the early 1990's, while tourism has been devastated by a gang war for control of the colony's casinos.

Unlike their neighbors in Hong Kong, people here do not worry that Beijing will corrupt an efficient local government, sabotage a thriving economy or disrupt a cosmopolitan life style. Macao, they say, has none of these. "If you talk to Chinese or even Portuguese people, the situation in Macao has gotten so bad," said Rui Afonso, a prominent local lawyer and former member of the legislative assembly. "People here feel the Portuguese administration is just letting the time run out. Since the Portuguese can seemingly do so little to change things, people have great hope for life after 1999."

It may seem odd that Beijing, which was seen by many as a menace to Hong Kong's free-wheeling prosperity, could be the savior here. But most people in Macao believe that only a Communist regime's strong hand will be enough to curb the excesses of the colony, where the casinos crawl with prostitutes and profiteers, and disputes are often settled with gunfire. Already, people say, China has helped stem the rampant gang violence.

Macao's local government had been on the losing end of a two-year war with the gangs, which have become increasingly brazen in recent months, murdering three civil servants. In May, the chief of police narrowly missed being killed when his car was incinerated by a bomb.

"The government was being ridiculed by these guys," said Ricardo Pinto, editor of *Ponto Final*, a Portuguese-language newspaper here.

After Macao's Governor, Gen. Vasco Rocha Vieira, complained that the Chinese were not doing enough to help Macao with its crime problem, the police in nearby Guangdong Province stepped up border patrols — stanching the flow of people from the mainland into Macao. During a visit to Hong Kong three weeks ago to mark the first anniversary of the handover, the Chinese president, Jiang Zemin, promised to help Macao crack down on the gangs.

Tracking Triads

Since then, the enclave has settled into relative tranquillity. People here said the gangs heeded the Chinese leader because they realize they will have to deal with Beijing after Portugal leaves. Although China officially plays no role in governing Macao, some people say it already effectively runs the place, both through legitimate companies and shadowy criminal groups that support the local gangs, which are called triads.

The Portuguese administration also deflated the criminals by arresting Wan Kuok-Koi, the alleged leader of Macao's most fearsome triad, 14K. Mr. Wan, who goes by the nickname Broken Tooth Koi, had thumbed his nose at the authorities by making a film based on his exploits and then embarking on a Hollywood-style publicity campaign. He was arrested on May 1, hours after the bombing of the police chief's car, and will be tried on charges of being a triad member.

Lieut. Col. Manuel A. Geraldes, a spokesman for the Macao security department, said the Government had done other things to combat crime. It created a new category of prosecutors who specialize in organized crime and recruited investigators from Portugal. Still, he conceded that Macao's location and its cash-spinning casinos would continue to make it a target for organized crime.

For now, Macao's gaming industry is regulated by the colonial government, which has granted a long-term license to run the casinos to a Hong Kong tycoon, Stanley Ho. But the license expires in 2001, and China is expected to divide the franchise among several new players. Officials say the triads have infiltrated the business by operating small V.I.P. rooms inside the casinos for high-rollers lured from throughout Asia with all-expenses-paid junkets.

Turf Battles

Critics say as long as these renegade operations are tolerated, Macao will be powerless to stop the turf battles that erupt into gang warfare. "The government has got to clamp down on gambling, even if it hurts Macao in the short term," said Ng Kuok Cheong, a legislator who is a sort of one-man opposition party.

Mr. Ng said he worried that Beijing will not install a government with the courage to hunt down and crush the gangs. "The problem with Macao," he said, "is that people in Beijing are paying attention to the process of the handover, not the problems that will come up after the handover."

Achtung! Europe Speaks English.

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to English is coming from globalization. As European banks and corporations extend their reach, they are increasingly making English their official language. In Switzerland, where guttural Swiss German is the language of choice among bankers and businessmen, the three biggest banks regularly conduct meetings of senior managers in English. In Italy, the head of Merloni S.p.A., Europe's fourth biggest appliance maker, acknowledged recently that the growing presence in the company of managers from France, Britain, the Netherlands and Portugal forced him to declare English the company language. A young American executive at LVMH, the French conglomerate that makes luxury goods like Louis Vuitton bags, was relieved to learn on his first trip to headquarters in Paris that his inability to speak French would not be a problem. The official language of the company is English.

A Universal Language

Pushing the trend toward English is a young generation of Europeans who have traveled widely, studied and often worked abroad, are at home with English and unabashed about using it. In the past, people from small European countries like Finland or Denmark, with unfamiliar languages, often used English, but now the trend is shifting to the large countries with strong language traditions, like France, Germany and Italy.

Typical of the trend is Francesco Caio, the 40-year old chief executive of Merloni. Mr. Caio had worked in London as a management consultant; his masters degree in business administration is from Insead, the prestigious business school outside Paris where the official language for teaching and research is — mon dieu! — English.

So strong is the tug of English in Europe that some have suggested it may one day emerge as the Continent's universal language, relegating Europe's other languages to the role of regional dialects, in much the same way that languages like Italian, German and even English itself triumphed during the industrialization of the 19th century over local dialects.

The motives for speaking English can vary, at times reflecting a desire to snub a bigger cultural neighbor. In Zurich, Swiss bankers and journalists speak their guttural version of Swiss German among themselves, but prefer to speak English with Germans, even though they are invariably fluent in the language of their big neighbor to the north. Not long ago the Swiss Parliament ordered that all Swiss children above the age of 6 learn English. In a heated parliamentary debate, one legislator argued that children who knew only the three official languages of Switzerland — German, French and Italian — were the equivalent of illiterates.

Inevitably, the triumphal march of English provokes a backlash, though often with mixed results. In Germany, the government's policy of cutting public financing for the Goethe Institute, the organization entrusted with promoting the German language abroad, sparked a bitter protest from the playwright Rolf Hochhuth, who accused Bonn of selling out to the proponents of what he called "one-Reich, one-language raving." In a recent essay in Der Spiegel titled "Deutsch? Bye-Bye!" he lamented the decline of German as a global language of poetry, philosophy and science, which he said was accelerated by German government neglect. Since 1994, he said, government austerity forced the closing of 23 Goethe Institutes around the world, while only four new ones were opened: in Almaty, Tbilisi, Johannesburg and Hanoi. By failing to teach German, he warned, Germany was surrendering influence on world affairs.

Global markets fuel the need for a common tongue.

"It would be foolish to dispute," he wrote. "Language is politics."

In France, the culture minister had sought in 1994 to promote a law requiring that 3,000 English words widely used in France be replaced by French equivalents. But France's Constitutional Council ruled that the government was violating the freedom of expression enshrined in the 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man. Thus, while government officials had to follow the new rules, they had no right to tell the ordinary Frenchman what words to use. One member of the Council gave an example. "The Sports Minister, commenting on the achievements of the French soccer team," he wrote, "will have to use the expression 'jet de coin,' but the sports commentators will be free to use the word 'corner.'"

But the Government in Paris may have gotten some satisfaction last week after France's victory over Brazil in soccer's World Cup. A banner headline on London's Daily Mail blared out, for all the world to see, "Vive la France!"

Ideas & Trends

The Cure That Can Sometimes Kill the Patient

By SYLVIA NASAR

BACK in the 1970's, it was considered a fairly benign cure for recessions and export slumps. As recently as a year ago, it was the prescription for economic excesses that plagued Thailand and others in the Pacific Rim. Today it is regarded as about as safe as bloodletting, and economies as disparate as Russia and China are advised to just say no. The "it" is devaluation, that mysterious force of international finance that talking heads on television never bother to explain or distinguish from depreciation.

Russia, in particular, was fending off devaluation last week, hoping that a massive bailout from the West would save the ruble and the economy.

Broken Promise

Devaluation and depreciation refer to a decline in the value of a currency. The distinction is this: When a government has declared that it is pegging its currency to another and will defend it by any means necessary but lets it fall anyway, that's devaluation. When the falling currency is that of a country that allows the global marketplace to set the value and its currency falls, that's depreciation. One involves a broken promise, the other doesn't.

Most major economies — the United States, Japan, the European Community — let their currencies fluctuate with supply and demand. Smaller or newer members of the world financial system, like Russia and China, often fix their currencies but have the option of periodic devaluation. Some countries like Argentina have embraced systems that virtually rule out devaluation by putting foreign exchange policy in the hands of a currency board.

The upside of a country's promising to defend its exchange rate is that doing so makes life fairly predictable for exporters and importers, lenders and borrowers, investors and consumers. But keeping that promise is harder than it sounds. If inflation rises, a government's currency will suddenly be out of line with domestic prices. If a country is a big producer of copper and the copper market collapses, the currency will be too strong and a trade deficit will result.

Devaluation can stimulate exports. Equally important, the central bank no longer has to keep interest rates high in order to prop up the currency. But there is also some pain. Import prices go up and the standard of living goes down.

In the 1990's, as economies around the world become more closely intertwined, a broken promise carries much bigger risks than it did in the 1970's. What happens to a particular country's currency has a bigger impact on its economy and the confidence of investors, who can pull out with a few strokes of the computer keyboard.

The current crisis in Asia, where exchange rates plunged, shows that devaluation can lead to financial chaos and recessions. Governments often think they can devalue just a little, but such a move can convince investors that those governments' promises aren't worth much. The governments must then push interest rates through the roof to stop capital flight. The high rates also trigger bank failures and corporate bankruptcies.

Asian banks and corporations acted a lot like people who built homes on flood plains after the county put up a dam. Many happily borrowed in foreign currency and lent in local currency, but few hedged against a collapse. "They hadn't bought insurance, so they got slammed," said Barry Eichengreen, an international economist at the University of California at Berkeley.

Because the governments backed the banks, their treasuries lost money. The crisis quickly wiped out any benefits of the cheaper currency as failing banks stopped lending and corporations couldn't get funding for exports. Devaluation can also fatally damage a government's credibility. In recent years, many countries, especially those trying to overcome a history of inflation, have sworn the commercial advantages of floating exchange rates and embraced fixed rates to gain credibility with global investors. "Clearly the exchange rate is now a much more important indicator of the stability of domestic policy," said Albert Fishlow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

The problem with this strategy is that once the commitment to a fixed rate is made, it's hard to back away. The Yeltsin Government has managed to stabilize the exchange rate and inflation. If the ruble falls, the real fear is not just a run on the currency and another inflationary spiral but political meltdown. "It's not just the credibility of the exchange rate," said Peter Kenan, an economist at Princeton. "It's the credibility of the reformers."

Devaluation can lead to successive rounds by trading partners trying to offset the damage from a competitor's devaluation. That's the fear with China, which has been under growing pressure to devalue. Not only is its economic growth slowing, its exporters are hurting because competitors like Thailand and Indonesia have let their currencies plummet, leaving the Chinese yuan high and dry. But that round-robin of devaluations would wipe out any stimulus to China's neighbors mired in deep recessions. So far, China's reform leaders have promised to hang tough.

Shrinking Money, by Decree and by Market Forces

There are both benefits and costs when a government devalues its currency. (Depreciation occurs through market forces.)

BENEFITS

- Makes exports more competitive.
- Creates new jobs.
- Allows central bank to ease monetary policy and permit lower interest rates.

COSTS

- Makes imports more expensive, thus lowering the standard of living.
- Can lead to further attacks on the currency by investors; astronomical interest rates; bank failures; corporate bankruptcies, and recession.
- Can prompt trading partners to devalue as well, thus erasing any potential benefits to the export sector.

When the Thai Government devalued the baht last year, it fell 20 percent in value overnight. However, over the next six months or so, the market depreciated the currency another 88 percent.

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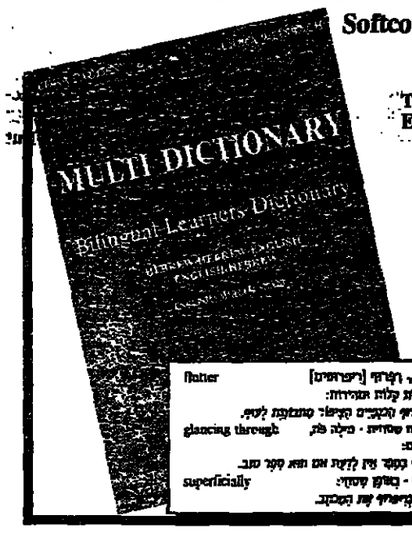
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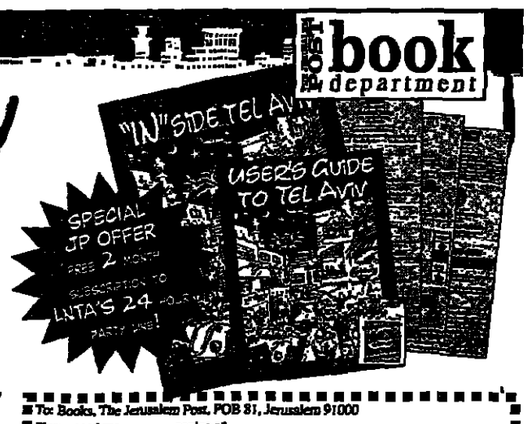
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Winning in Politics, Losing in Life

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earning $14,500 a year or less for a 40-hour week, has gained the most ground over the last two years, once wages are adjusted for inflation. Upper-income Americans, those earning north of $75,000 a year, have gained almost as much as the low-income people in the same two-year stretch. The middle group has gained a little ground since 1996, but less than the others.

Breakthrough

Viewed over the full eight years of the current economic expansion, the middle has actually lost ground, while the top and the bottom have gained at roughly the same gradual pace. Once wages are adjusted for inflation, the low end, for the first time, has regained all the ground lost in the early 1990's and is now earning more than in 1989, when the last economic expansion ended and a recession set in, undercutting wages.

Workers earnings slightly more than the poorest group or, at the other extreme, somewhat less than the richest wage earners, also did better than those in the middle, although not as well as those at either extreme.

The breakthrough came this year. The low-end wage, a maximum of $6.99 an hour last month for the bottom 20 percent, was 20 cents higher than in 1989, adjusted for inflation, according to the Economic Policy Institute, which calculated the trends from data provided by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

By comparison, the median wage, smack in the middle, was $11.13 an hour in June, or 17 cents lower than in 1989. The upper end, mostly peopled by well educated and skilled workers, seldom loses ground in any year. At the high end, the wage of $24.63 an hour today, adjusted for inflation, is 91 cents ahead of the comparable 1989 level.

There are reasons, of course, for the slide in the middle. Despite all the rhetorical emphasis on policies that favor the middle class, it is low-income workers who have gotten the extra nod from Washington in this economic expansion — particularly through a 90-cents-an-hour increase in the minimum wage since October 1996. It was an increase that the Democrats proposed and the Republicans in Congress finally favored.

The minimum reached $5.15 an hour last September, and the ripple effect has pushed up wages for workers earning as much as 50 cents an hour over the minimum. That is a big portion of the people in the lower 20 percent of the American work force.

"The higher minimum wage is the key factor that has lifted people at the bottom," said Edward Wolff, a labor economist at New York University, whose own earnings calculations produced roughly the same results as those of the Economic Policy Institute.

The economy has played a big role, too. A surge in growth over the last two years and a falling unemployment rate produced labor shortages that showed up first at the low end of the work force. Meanwhile, middle-level workers, while finding jobs easily enough, had more difficulty raising their wages. Mr. Wolff and other labor economists tick off the reasons.

Computers have diluted the demand for clerks, secretaries and other medium-skilled workers. Unions, once the powerful bargaining agents of middle Americans, are weak today. Rising imports have hurt workers who make the same goods in this country. Corporate downsizing spread in the 1990's through white-collar ranks, making middle-income people feel less secure in their jobs and more reluctant to push for raises. And a bigger percentage of the work force now has a college education or at least some college training, diluting the demand for them. The wages of people with only four years of college are no longer rising.

"While middle income people benefit from the tight labor market, they have a harder time digging themselves out of the wage hole," said Jared Bernstein, a labor economist at the Economic Policy Institute.

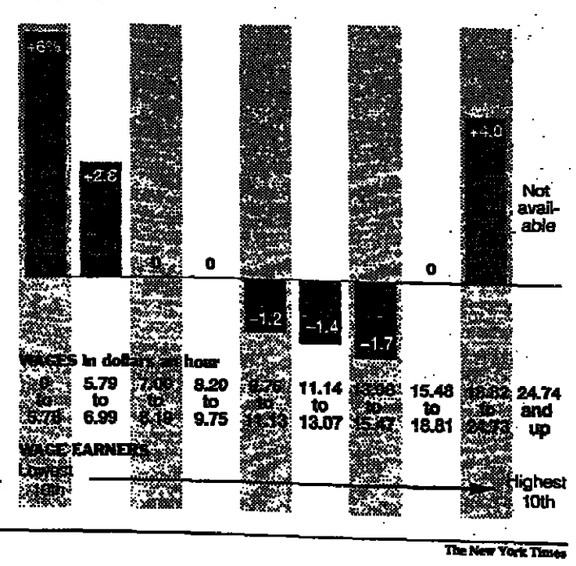
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They are also harder for government to help, says Edward Montgomery, the Labor Department's chief economist. A huge swath of people who earn roughly $23,000 to $55,000 a year — and pay more than 40 percent of all Federal income taxes — are much more on their own than lower-income workers. There are government-subsidized training programs, for example, to get unemployed people into the low end of the labor force. The minimum wage and the earned-income tax credit (a Republican initiative that rebates tax revenue to low-wage workers) put a floor under their income. But middle-level people depend much more on their own dealings with their employers to determine their situations.

"It is harder for government policies to reach these middle level people," Mr. Montgomery said. "In a free enterprise society, we are hesitant to subsidize an employer for something he would do anyway."

Losing Middle Ground

Americans earning in the middle of the wage scale saw their earnings decline since 1989, after adjustment for inflation, while the wages of those at either end have gained ground. The chart divides the workforce into equal segments and shows the percent change in the highest hourly wage for each segment from 1989 through the first half of 1998.



Sources: Economic Policy Institute; Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Boating, Picketing: G.M. Strikers are Getting By

By KEITH BRADSHER

FLINT, Mich.

THE auto workers who have been walking picket lines outside two General Motors parts factories here for the last six weeks receive just $150 a week in strike benefits from their union, a paltry sum that conjures up images of workers living on bologna sandwiches and worrying that their houses and cars might soon be repossessed.

But for most of the workers, the reality could not be more different — a fact that helps to explain both why they are striking and why the United Automobile Workers union is in no hurry to settle with the world's biggest auto maker.

Suzanne M. Champion, a forklift operator, has been shopping for antiques during the strike; a week ago, she bought an oak cupboard for $650. Rod Mosher, a factory equipment repairman, has been sailing his 36-foot cabin cruiser on Lake Michigan, returning briefly on Tuesday nights to serve his weekly two-hour stint on the picket line. Jennifer Lenoir, who sets up production lines for auto parts, has been eating out regularly — although she and her husband have made the sacrifice of keeping their 26-foot powerboat at the dock to save gas.

The extent to which these and other G.M. workers can keep living well a month and a half into their strike reflects the auto workers' high pay and diligence about saving money, as well as the very low cost of living in this industrial city. The average auto worker here — 48 years old, with 21 years of service at G.M. — earned $69,000 last year in a metropolitan area where the median price of a house is just $93,500.

The issues in the strike reflect the workers' financial success. The U.A.W. has not been asking for higher pay or better benefits. Instead, the union has demanded that G.M. buy new equipment for the factories here and start replacing some workers as they retire, so that another generation of Flint residents can enjoy high-paying jobs (and continue supporting the union with their membership dues). G.M. has resisted these demands, contending that global competition is too fierce for it to retain so many well-paid workers indefinitely.

To be sure, some workers and their families have tightened their belts considerably during the strike. Nihla M. Hall, an auto worker's wife who has raised five daughters, said she planned to eat only baked beans and salads until the strike ended. Janet A. Manley, who assembles auto hood latches and is the single mother of a 13-year-old boy, has already fallen behind on many bills.

But both women's grown daughters are buying them groceries. In a city that has lost a third of its population over the last two decades and has had few new arrivals, the remaining auto workers tend to be lifetime residents with many sources of support. Local financial institutions, owned in some cases by the auto workers themselves, have been eager to lend money to strikers on the assumption that their big paychecks will resume eventually.

A result is that while G.M. loses $75 million a day, Flint workers and their families talk in terms of how many more months, not weeks, they can last. "If it goes on a couple more months, we may be hurting," Mrs. Hall said.

ELSEWHERE in unionized American companies, employers have gained the upper hand. Even the U.A.W. suffered a setback when Caterpillar Inc. was able to keep its main factory open in Peoria, Ill., with replacement workers despite a 17-month strike that ended in December 1995. The current strikes here have also brought pain to lower-paid, nonunion workers laid off by outside parts suppliers and other businesses across the country.

But the U.A.W. is still in a fairly strong position vis-à-vis G.M. Replacing the auto maker's 200,000 U.A.W. members at dozens of assembly plants and parts factories is simply not feasible, especially with the nation's unemployment rate below 5 percent. And the affluence of auto workers makes long strikes less difficult for their union — both financially and politically — than for other industrial unions, although even auto workers resent missing paychecks.

Given the ample financial resources of the strikers in Flint, nobody in the auto industry expects G.M. to try to starve out the workers. Instead, the company has tried to drive a lasting wedge between the 9,200 strikers and their union, and between the strikers and the 180,000 workers that G.M. has been forced to lay off across North America for lack of auto parts from the factories here. G.M. has strongly criticized the competence of union leaders while pointing out that union workers could be earning a lot more if they were back on the job.

"It is a dispute here about a local union leadership's failure to improve some noncompetitive work practices," said Donald Hackworth, G.M.'s group vice president for North American operations.

In a dozen previous G.M. factory strikes over the last five years, workers have consistently backed their leaders during the walkouts, but sometimes criticized them afterward. Workers who endured a three-month strike last summer against a pickup truck assembly plant in Pontiac, Mich., did not elect any of their local union leaders as delegates to a U.A.W. convention last month in Las Vegas. But the local union in Pontiac has long suffered from factional infighting that has been less evident in Flint.

EVEN if the strikes here affect union politics at the local and national levels for years to come, their effects on workers are more muted. In Flint, auto workers' pay ranges from $40,000 for an assembly line worker who shuns overtime to $100,000 for a skilled electrician who works seven-day weeks practically all year, as a surprising number do. In households with two G.M. workers — also common, because the union has pushed the company to hire employees' relatives — as much as $150,000 in G.M. paychecks can be cashed in a year.

In Flint, that kind of money goes a long way. Besides having inexpensive housing, practically everyone sends their children to public schools. Many workers spend vacations with relatives in the Midwest and South instead of going on costly overseas trips.

General Motors lays out an average of $29,000 annually on benefits for each union worker, including subsidized child care and one of the most lavish medical plans left in corporate America. With labor costs kept low — outside the auto plants — by the highest unemployment rate of any metropolitan area in worker-scarce Michigan, restaurant meals and other services are cheap. A good steak dinner for two with wine and tip can still be had for $50.

While some auto workers have reputations for high living, many are quite frugal. David L. Littmann, the senior economist at Comerica Bank, the largest Michigan bank, said the auto industry's cycle of spectacular booms and wallet-pinching busts had left the state's residents more conservative about taking on debt — and banks leery of lending too much during good times. Some of the highest average bank balances in Michigan are found in the northern suburbs of Flint, where many residents are auto-worker descendants of frugal German immigrants, he added.

U.A.W. members are eligible to retire with full pensions after 30 years, although some wait longer, and many workers with 20 years' experience already have substantial retirement savings they can tap. "People think we're auto workers, we make the big money and we blow it all," said James M. Parker, 42, a forklift operator with 22 years at G.M. "But what we have to think about is retirement — will Social Security be there?"

Mr. Parker is reluctant to tap his retirement savings for emergencies. Like many other workers here, he began preparing for a strike in February, when the union first raised the possibility of a showdown. He postponed plans to buy an Oldsmobile Intrigue sedan and made sure that he paid his credit cards and utility bills in full each month. Like many other workers with loans, he has already obtained permission from the West Side Auto Employees Federal Credit Union to postpone one monthly payment — on his Chevrolet pickup — and is now filling out the paperwork to postpone another, instead adding to the balance that he will owe at the end of the loan.

Owned by its depositors, with a board composed entirely of current or retired auto workers, West Side Auto is one of several auto worker credit unions here that are playing an important financial role in the strike. Heavily used by workers for the direct deposit of paychecks and other basic financial services, the credit unions have been cushioning the strike's effects on customers.

INSIDE the entrance of West Side Auto's postmodern brick-and-glass building is a colorful sign offering $3,000 one-year personal loans for striking and laid-off workers, at an interest rate of 10.5 percent. The credit union is also granting almost automatic postponements of credit card debts and loan payments during the strike, said David A. McGrain, its vice president for marketing.

But while some customers are seeking loan extensions, many, like Mr. Parker, also took steps early this year to prepare for a strike. "We did see a noticeable increase in the savings of our members," Mr. McGrain said, "and it was in the more liquid accounts, like savings accounts and checking accounts." To maintain its liquidity, the credit union has been cashing in Treasury bills and certificates of deposit at major banks as they mature, instead of reinvesting the money.

So far, though, the credit union has not had to liquidate investments or tap its lines of credit, Mr. McGrain added, and it has not noticed any increase in bankruptcies or foreclosures among its depositors.

West Side Auto has discouraged most workers here from deferring mortgage payments, because that can significantly increase the interest that a worker will owe over the following years. But a surprising number of auto workers here do not even have mortgages. Skilled with tools from their factory work, they build their own homes and borrow little money, if any, in the process. Land is cheap and readily available outside the city limits.

James T. Kuzma, 60, who repairs heavy equipment at a factory here that stamps auto body parts from sheets of steel, built his four-bedroom house 33 years ago on eight acres in nearby Clio, Mich. Mr. Kuzma and his wife, Dorothy, erected the garage first and lived in it for five years while they built the house, having the first four of their five children in the meantime.

During the strike, which began on June 5 at the stamping factory, Mr. Kuzma has seldom left home, choosing to stay near his volleyball court, horseshoe pits, three picnic tables, barbecue pit and fish pond, the latter replenished by a 40-foot-tall antique windmill that pumps water from a nearby well.

He sometimes catches dinner at the pond, and Mrs. Kuzma, who has planted her usual large garden and cans her own vegetables, was baking pies last week, using apples from their orchard. So the family feels ready for a very long strike.

"I'll stay out as long as it takes," Mr. Kuzma said as he walked the picket line outside the stamping plant, a block-long building of gray bricks and steel several stories tall. "If it's a year, I'll still be out here."

Quite a few auto workers actually welcomed the strike as a respite from the six- and seven-day workweeks they had been putting in for the last five years. Though most union members jump at chances to earn overtime pay, many are exhausted because it has been so long since the last recession.

Ms. Champion, who is single and has no children, has been eating out often during the strike and buying antique furniture for the century-old farmhouse she purchased last spring. "I was working so much, I didn't have time to spend any money" before the strike, she said.

Of course, not all auto workers are so fortunate. The ones having financial difficulties tend to be single mothers, parents with several young children or the few workers recently hired at the factories.

Ms. Manley said she had been on welfare when G.M. hired her seven years ago and has not been able to build up her savings since. Divorced, Ms. Manley and her 13-year-old son long have lived with her daughter, who works at a window shutter factory and earns much less than her mother normally does at G.M. But the daughter is now paying the family's rent and utility bills and buying the groceries.

"I'm hoping this gets settled," Ms. Manley said, standing outside West Side Auto, where she had just asked for an extension of a car payment.

BUT financially distressed strikers like Ms. Manley are hard to find. Flint's largest charity, the Salvation Army, has noted little, if any, increase in requests for assistance.

Some workers, like Betty McCaw, a janitor who has worked for G.M. for 25 years, say they have not come across any fellow union members in difficulty. "There probably are — I don't know any," Miss McCaw said as she sat, picket sign in hand, outside the entrance to a spark plug and speedometer factory where workers have been on strike since June 11.

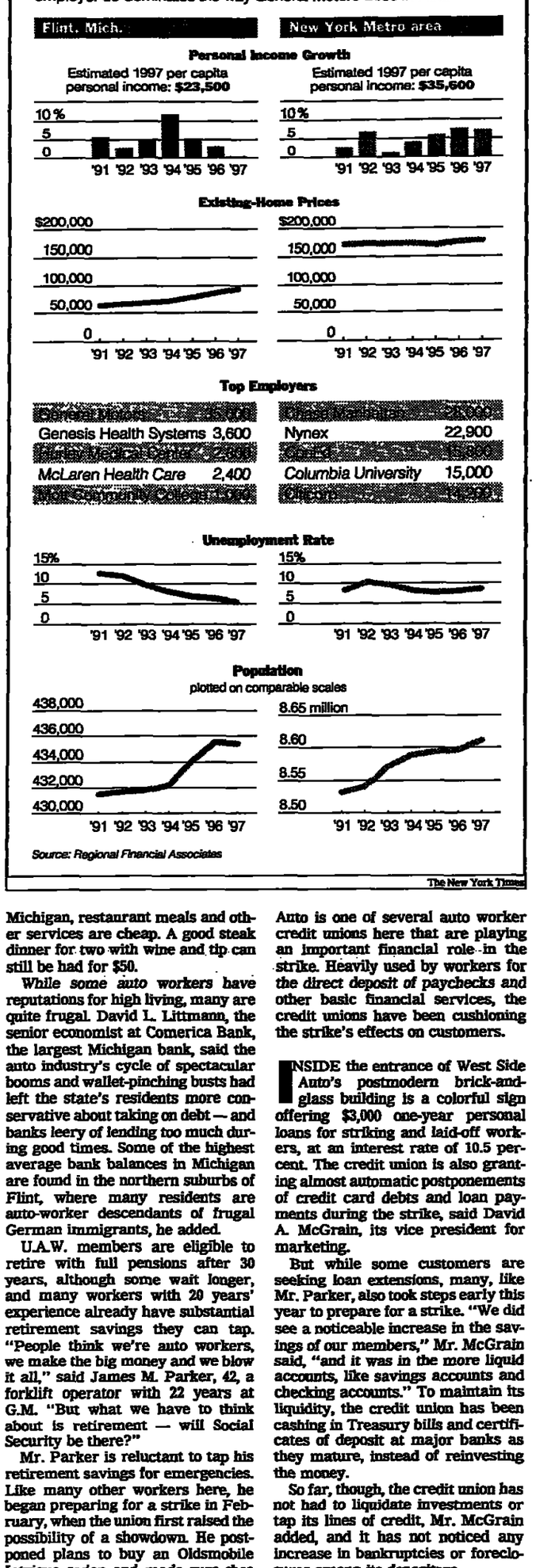
Far more common than financially troubled strikers are prosperous workers like Mr. Kuzma who have comfortable homes but worry that they lead a dying way of life. G.M.'s employment in the Flint area has tumbled from a peak of 76,900 in 1978 to just 33,000 now.

Not one of Mr. Kuzma's five children was able to find a job as a U.A.W. worker in this city's G.M. factories. One daughter, Sharon, graduated from college and is now the acting head of quality control — a management job — at the factory where her father has worked for 41 years. That pleases him but does not make him any more confident that there will be blue-collar jobs with high wages available for his friends' children and grandchildren.

"Look at the picket lines and you don't see young people," Mr. Kuzma fretted. "The new opportunities for the young people really aren't there, and that's bad."

Worlds Apart

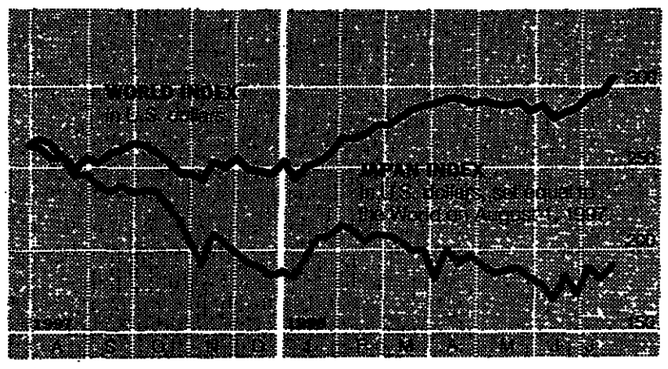
It costs less to live well in Flint than in the New York area, where no employer so dominates the way General Motors does in Flint.



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Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Dividend Yield	Index	YTD % Chg.
Australia	203.99	4.8	10	1.9	16	3.71	216.30	5.9
Austria	237.68	2.7	26	25.7	11	1.53	220.78	25.0
Belgium	392.69	3.8	22	54.3	3	1.92	357.35	53.7
Brazil	238.80	6.3	7	0.2	17	2.00	510.69	4.3
Britain	395.97	4.3	17	19.4	14	2.78	357.81	19.7
Canada	231.77	-0.4	29	9.1	15	1.63	249.78	13.5
Denmark	536.63	4.4	15	19.9	13	1.30	497.17	19.3
Finland	492.76	7.3	5	76.9	1	1.63	562.09	76.6
France	343.86	4.7	11	43.7	5	1.95	323.25	43.1
Germany	322.70	4.1	19	40.7	6	1.11	299.98	39.9
Hong Kong	249.19	3.6	23	-30.2	26	6.32	247.89	-30.2
Indonesia	34.17	14.8	2	-48.3	28	2.39	281.95	26.6
Ireland	549.93	0.5	28	37.0	7	1.76	551.09	38.8
Italy	181.83	7.0	6	54.5	2	1.23	239.37	54.1
Japan	95.24	4.0	20	- 0.0	18	0.94	84.04	7.3
Malaysia	116.82	7.8	4	-28.9	25	3.41	184.90	-25.0
Mexico	1,507.05	4.0	21	-16.4	23	1.87	14,523.88	- 8.6
Netherlands	550.52	4.7	12	34.3	8	1.85	506.48	33.5
New Zealand	67.42	8.1	3	-11.8	21	4.49	67.81	- 3.0
Norway	315.34	3.6	24	- 1.3	19	1.94	322.67	1.0
Philippines	74.08	-0.7	30	- 6.6	20	1.11	153.57	- 2.6
Singapore	152.07	4.7	14	-32.5	27	2.52	119.55	-31.6
South Africa	225.17	4.9	9	-15.2	22	2.85	314.98	11.6
Spain	417.38	4.7	13	53.6	4	1.58	480.17	53.0
Sweden	623.46	4.3	16	32.8	9	1.60	731.93	32.7
Switzerland	432.12	3.3	25	26.8	10	1.03	403.91	31.1
Thailand	15.74	19.8	1	-18.4	24	3.69	24.91	-30.9
United States	485.88	1.9	27	22.6	12	1.33	485.88	22.6
COMPOSITE INDICES								
Europe	382.60	4.5		32.3		1.89	363.04	32.5
Pacific Basin	101.31	4.2		- 4.3		1.66	89.63	1.7
Europe/Pacific	218.55	4.4		19.9		1.82	192.85	22.1
World	305.82	3.0		20.5		1.57	282.09	21.8

Source: Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Friday's London close.
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CURRENCIES

Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	139.47	140.93	-1.04	115.47
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.7808	1.8180	-2.04	1.7916
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.4885	1.4783	+0.69	1.3744
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6447	1.6327	+0.73	1.6805

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close.

UPS AND DOWNS

July 13–17: U.S. Stock Indexes Charge to Record Highs

Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Datastream; Goldman, Sachs; IBC's Money Fund Report; Merrill Lynch; Standard & Poor's; Ryan Labs

PRICES

DOMESTIC EQUITIES

Broad market S.&P. 500 index	**Up 1.93%** 1,186.75
Blue chips Dow 30 industrials	**Up 2.55%** 9,337.97
Small capitalization Russell 2000 index	**Up 0.86%** 462.36

DOMESTIC BONDS

Treasuries Ryan Labs Total Return	**Down 0.50%** 221.73
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**Down 0.76%** 123.34
Corporates Merrill Lynch Master index	**Down 0.53%** 974.55

AROUND THE WORLD

European stocks F.T.-Actuaries Europe	**Up 4.45%** 382.60
Asian stocks F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	**Up 4.20%** 101.31
Gold New York cash price	**Up 1.20%** $295.10

Foreign indexes are given in dollar terms.

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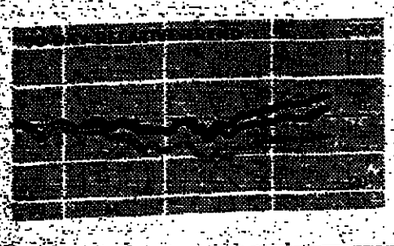
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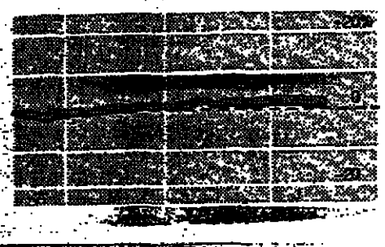
Long bonds 30-year Treasuries	**5.74%** Up 12 basis pts.
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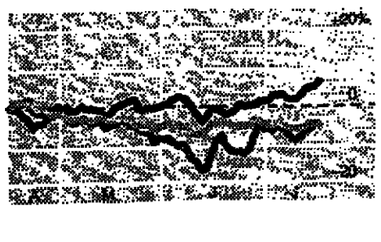
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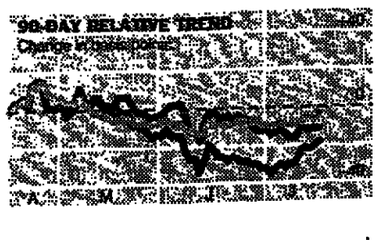
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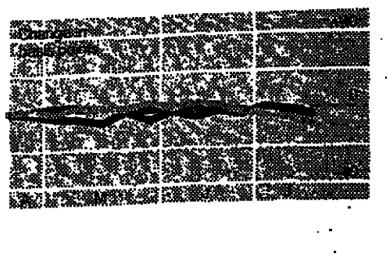
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Stocks S.&P. 500 dividend yield	**1.35%** Down 3 b.p.











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Law School for Janet Reno

By studying the transcript of last week's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, it is possible to reconstruct one of the more remarkable internal documents of the Clinton Administration. That is the tightly reasoned, 27-page legal memorandum in which Louis Freeh, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told Attorney General Janet Reno that she was failing in her duty to appoint an independent counsel to investigate President Clinton's fund-raising.

The memo, as described by Senator Fred Thompson, lists seven key points that refute every reason Ms. Reno has advanced for blocking an independent investigation of the China connection, Vice President Al Gore's telephone solicitations, Mr. Clinton's White House coffees and other tawdry aspects of the Democrats' 1996 fund-raising. There is not room for the entire list here, but Mr. Freeh starts by pointing out that the law is based on the view that it is a prima facie conflict of interest for "the Attorney General to investigate her superiors" in the White House. Mr. Freeh also cites the legislative history of the Independent Counsel Act to show that Ms. Reno's theory that she had to have "an actual conflict, instead of the appearance of a conflict," is imaginary. Finally, he reasons that the Attorney General has a responsibility to appoint an independent counsel when the F.B.I. Director, as her "chief investigator has concluded that there is a political conflict of interest."

A handful of Republicans and Democrats have known about the Freeh memo for some months. Mr. Freeh probably wants it more widely known on grounds of principle and also to avoid having his career tainted by the Attorney General's refusal to follow Federal law. Frustration among Senate Republicans is mounting. There is talk of using budget pressure or putting a hold on Clinton Administration nominations to force Ms. Reno to act. The most aggressive proposal comes from Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania. He has drafted a petition for a writ of mandamus, which is a court order that requires a public official to carry out a legal duty. Mr. Specter says he believes he can sign up a majority of Republican senators and that this group would have standing to petition a Federal court, possibly as early as August.

What drives the Republicans is the conviction that Ms. Reno is allowing the Justice Department's investigation of foreign contributions and Chinese Government meddling in the 1996 election to crumble. Only an outsider, they believe, will follow the many trails that lead to the White House. But there is also an undercurrent of lawyerly disbelief, especially among senators who were practicing attorneys. They simply cannot comprehend that Ms. Reno could so persistently misread the discretionary provision of the Independent Counsel Act, which basically assumes voluntary recusal on the part of an Attorney General once a Justice Department investigation touches on the President or other high officials.

That accounts for Senator Hatch's by-the-numbers tone in lecturing Ms. Reno last week. "You have conflicts of interest. There may have been crimes committed," he said. "And that's why the independent counsel statute was passed to begin with, and that is to take it out of your hands, so you don't have to be accused of conflict of interest."

Ms. Reno didn't get it. When the current leader of her own campaign investigation, Charles LaBella, quits later this summer, many senators expect him to send Ms. Reno a report recommending appointment of an independent counsel. The fact that Mr. LaBella has spent the last nine months studying the evidence is not expected to influence Ms. Reno. She comes not to expose political corruption, but to bury it.

The Price of History

George Tenet, the Director of Central Intelligence, is responsible for directing an espionage empire that includes several large agencies and an overall annual budget of $27 billion. It is hard to believe that he and Congress cannot come up with enough money to more speedily review and declassify cold-war intelligence records.

Unsealing archives is essential to the sound management of intelligence agencies in a free and open society. All but a handful of secrets necessitated by war, diplomacy and espionage must eventually be disclosed in a democracy, for secrecy over time breeds insularity and a lack of accountability. The Central Intelligence Agency itself has often exhibited the arrogance and misconduct that come of excessive secrecy.

Historians have rightly complained for years about the C.I.A.'s slow, grudging declassification operation, which seems allergic to openness. Mr. Tenet, to his credit, appears committed to greater access and has made an effort to improve and expand declassification programs, which developed in a haphazard fashion under his predecessors.

He also faces a blizzard of declassification demands from Congress, other Government agencies and the public. The agency calculates that it has a backlog of some 40 million pages of secret documents dating back 25 years or more, the prime period for declassification set by President Clinton.

Nevertheless, Mr. Tenet's declassification plan, publicly outlined last week, lacks the force required to break through the C.I.A.'s natural resistance to yielding up secrets, however old they may be. Instead of calling on Congress to give him the money he needs to get this work done, Mr. Tenet essentially says the agency is doing the best it can with tight resources and will settle for that.

The primary casualty of his plan is declassification of documents about cold-war covert operations. The C.I.A. has published some files from the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and the successful overthrow of the Guatemalan Government in 1954, and promises more soon. But nine other major operations, including activities in Europe and Asia as well as assassination plotting in the Congo and the Dominican Republic in the early 1960's, have not yet seen daylight and will now recede from sight again, possibly for years.

Declassification work is labor intensive and expensive, though the C.I.A. could sharply reduce the cost if it did not scrub every piece of paper from the 1950's and 1960's with the unreasonable presumption that it still contains acutely sensitive information that must be blacked out before publication. But even at the agency's estimated cost of $2 per page, the expense of an expanded declassification effort would produce barely a ripple in the generous intelligence budget. This history is too important to neglect. Mr. Tenet has surrendered without a fight.

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Fighting for Respect in Beleaguered Brooklyn

Haute Manhattan still raises a condescending eyebrow when Brooklynites sing of their ethnic enclaves, tree-lined streets and vintage brownstones. This Manhattanite view of Brooklyn as a kind of social purgatory dates back to Colonial times. Its most tedious expression comes in tenants who are forced into Brooklyn by scandalous rents, only to pine away for that matchbox Manhattan apartment with the view of a brick wall.

When I moved to Brooklyn 12 years ago, only Manhattanites who were driven out surrendered to the brownstone embrace. But over the last few years, those of us who are Brooklynites by choice have noticed an increasing number of émigrés who could afford to live anywhere but have cast their lot with us.

Centuries in the making, the view of Brooklyn as a province of rubes and lowbrows is giving way to grudging respect for the texture of what would be the third-largest city in America, behind Los Angeles and Chicago. In addition to having its own glossy magazine — aptly named Brooklyn Bridge — Brooklyn has been the subject of two recent histories, with a third, "The Neighborhoods of Brooklyn," due out from Yale this fall. Tour buses visit the borough's more established neighborhoods, from Brooklyn Heights to Park Slope and a revitalized downtown. After a flurry of business development, Brooklyn has a Marriott, its first new hotel in almost 70 years.

> Tour buses — and hope — in reverse migration.

These might seem petty developments to highbrow Manhattan. But for those of us who live in Brooklyn — after a half-century of industrial decline and slanderous disrespect from our neighbors across the river — the development is a sign that the Manhattan-centric view of our town is losing its grip at last.

Staten Island, Queens and the Bronx have suffered slights and discomforts in a city where Manhattan runs the show. But no people have chafed as consistently under Manhattan's rule — or lost so much because of it — as Brooklynites, whose city loomed as a large, industrial power when it was merged into New York in 1898.

Manhattan's contempt for Brooklyn dates back at least 200 years, when business and civic leaders worried that the willful upstart across the river might eventually overtake them.

The Brooklyn Bridge was hailed as the engineering miracle of its age. But by connecting the two rival cities, it played into the hands of powerful Manhattanites who favored consolidation. Walt Whitman's old paper, The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, fought valiantly for independence, arguing that Brooklyn would become a poor relation of citizens who already despised it. But The New York Times scoffed that Brooklyn had only riches to gain — and nothing to lose but its poverty.

The Brooklyn Eagle was right. The shift of power to Manhattan demoted Brooklynites to a relatively powerless lot whose needs would be forever secondary. While City Hall dithered over what to do with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Los Angeles crept in and stole them. The waterfront areas that Manhattanites wanted so badly were allowed to deteriorate — and today are threatened by trash transfer stations and dismal planning that may squander them again.

Consolidation's worst effect was to ratify the view that Manhattan was the center of the universe and that Brooklyn was a cultural desert. This notion became so popular in the 20th-century press that Brooklynites formed an anti-defamation society that grew to 40,000 members by the mid 1940's. As the writer Alfred Kazin wrote of his childhood in a vibrant, Jewish Brownsville, "We were of the city, but somehow not in it," which meant that one escaped to "The City" as soon as possible.

After centuries of abuse, Brooklyn has been ratified as hip. Watch the Fourth of July fireworks from the little park in post-industrial Greenpoint, and you are apt to be accompanied by Japanese tourists snapping pictures and reading aloud from guidebooks. Along Bedford Avenue in once-dying Williamsburg, beginning galleries, boutiques and arty restaurants may yet do for the petered industrial world what they did for SoHo in the 1950's.

Baby boomers who want out of Manhattan are revitalizing brownstone neighborhoods, many of which are experiencing their first revival in this century. The reverse migration reflects a longing for small, definable city neighborhoods where high-rises do not shut out the sky. In historical terms, it also suggests that Brooklyn, once down for the count, is up and fighting its way back.

Anti-Drug Ads Are Proven Remedy

To the Editor:

Frank Rich suggests that the Government's anti-drug ad campaign is propelled by self-serving claims of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America and suspect academic studies (column, July 15).

He embraces the criticisms of Brandweek, which evalnated studies of the ads.

But the ads now airing were evaluated by the very methods Brandweek's writer touted: controlled experiments with subjects randomly assigned. In our center's yearlong study of the ads, 3,155 students responded to the ads or control material.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy gave us the ads and we shared our results. Ads that tested poorly were quashed. The one Mr. Rich critiques — which shows a woman destroying her kitchen with a skillet, a metaphor for the effects of heroin on family and friends — was not among them. He thinks it might lead some to "seek out a vixen like her for a date." It hadn't occurred to us to test for that. But all groups other than African-Americans found the message convincing and helpful in keeping friends from using illegal drugs. KATHLEEN HALL JAMIESON
Philadelphia, July 16, 1998
The writer is director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Baby-Boomer Hypocrisy

To the Editor:

Frank Rich questions the Government's anti-drug campaign (column, July 15) and correctly notes that conflicting messages will subvert it.

Other reasons for the likely failure include the fact that many young people know, or can reasonably suspect, that their parents engaged in the very behavior the Government, and adults generally, portray so alarmingly.

This hypocrisy is a new factor in the never-ending war on drugs, and the popular culture abets it. When we baby boomers were young, we could view our parents' criticisms of our ways as at least somewhat credible. We knew they had fought World War II and we saw movies like "The Longest Day." Today's young people are subject to diatribes from adults about drugs while watching films like "Boogie Nights" and "The Ice Storm." EDWARD L. RUSSAKOFF
Pittsburgh, July 15, 1998

The Right Audience

To the Editor:

Re Frank Rich's July 15 column "Just Say $1 Billion": Why do businesses spend billions on advertising each year? Why do candidates rely on it to get their messages across? Because advertising, especially when based on research, works. If it can help sell soda, it can unsell irresponsible behavior, like drug abuse or drunken driving.

Studies show that when anti-drug advertising runs and runs heavily, it can indeed contribute to lasting changes in drug use.

The Government is not paying for anti-drug advertisements themselves, but for media exposure. The ads are being donated by the advertising industry through the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

Congress appropriated $195 million to pay for the one thing that eluded our earlier advertising campaigns — consistent media exposure. Media companies will be asked to match the exposure purchased, increasing the campaign's reach to $400 million annually. Most important, buying media exposure will, for the first time, insure that the right ads reach the right audience. All the messages are being tested with the target audience, not Mr. Rich, to insure credibility and persuasiveness. RICHARD D. BONNETTE
President
Partnership for a Drug-Free America
New York, July 16, 1998

A Safe High

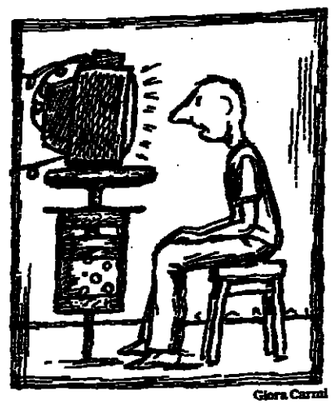
To the Editor:

Frank Rich says "the ubiquitous message of the advertising medium is Get High" (column, July 15). The advertisers urge consumers to buy a car or a pair of shoes to get high. Certainly feeling empowered — getting high — on a pair of shoes is better than getting the feeling from using drugs. CAROLINE LAVANHAR
Tuxedo, N.Y., July 16, 1998

No Magic Bullet

To the Editor:

Slick advertising campaigns designed to press emotional buttons and magically transform the way we



Glora Carmi

feel about drugs are indeed part of the problem, as Frank Rich argues, not the solution (column, July 15).

Sadly, there is no quick fix for the country's drug problem. The development of effective educational programs, the strengthening of values-based faith communities and the enrichment of family life are needed, not a superficial Madison Avenue campaign. STEVEN A. ADELMAN, M.D.
Brookline, Mass., July 15, 1998
The writer is medical director of substance abuse services at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates.

Advertising's Power

To the Editor:

Frank Rich (column, July 15) attacks the new anti-drug advertising campaign.

But if advertising on this issue were such a waste, would opponents of the campaign waste their money on advertising against it?

Remember, this campaign is intended in part to offset those deceptive ads from drug-legalization partisans.

I am a public relations executive, and I know that sometimes public relations is not enough. We must reach every child and parent. As Nike and McDonald's and Disney know, only advertising can guarantee that reach. VINCE GIANDURCO
New York, July 15, 1998

Nixon and Clinton? There's No Comparison

To the Editor:

Charles McCarry ("Bill Clinton's John Dean?", Op-Ed, July 12) says that the Watergate special prosecutor's chief assistant, Henry Ruth, informed Leon Jaworski that the staff had investigated 10 alleged misdeeds by President Richard M. Nixon. None, of these, Mr. Ruth wrote, had ripened to "probable criminal violation by Mr. Nixon." Thus, Mr. McCarry concludes, "Richard Nixon, of all people, may not have needed a pardon."

Mr. McCarry ignores the next sentence in the document, in which Mr. Ruth quickly added, "Of course, the Watergate cover-up is the subject of a separate memorandum." That memorandum is a thoughtful, reasoned assessment of Nixon's role in the Watergate cover-up, noting that since Nixon had been charged as an unindicted co-conspirator, "the evidence tending to prove Mr. Nixon's guilt in the conspiracy to obstruct justice has been strengthened."

Mr. Ruth recommended that an indictment would be reasonable. President Nixon assuredly needed President Ford's generous pardon. Rewriting the history of Watergate using President Clinton as a reflecting mirror distorts and diminishes a significant moment in our constitutional history. STANLEY I. KUTLER
Madison, Wis., July 17, 1998
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THE JERUSALEM POST

War on Environment Continues in Senate

To the Editor:

Your July 12 editorial "Mugging the Environment," in criticizing anti-environmental riders attached to legislation, failed to mention one of the most costly: the oil royalty rider attached to the Senate's Interior Department spending bill. The rider allows rich oil companies to underpay the Government by $5.5 million a month, according to the Minerals Management Service, the Federal agency that manages oil royalties.

Oil royalties are payments from the petroleum industry to the Treasury for the right to drill oil on Federal land. Since 1991 the industry has underpaid by $856 million, according to the minerals service.

Senator Barbara Boxer plans to propose an amendment to strike the rider from the Senate bill. It would allow the minerals service to get the oil companies to pay the royalties they owe. The Senate should support the Boxer amendment and kill the oil royalty rider. JILL LANCELOT
Legislative Director
Taxpayers for Common Sense
Washington, July 13, 1998

To the Editor:

"Mugging the Environment" (editorial, July 12), referring to a provision of the House Appropriations Committee's bill that provides financing for the Environmental Protection Agency, says that "read literally, this provision could prevent the Administration from encouraging industry to take purely voluntary steps to reduce carbon dioxide" before the global warming treaty signed in Japan last year becomes binding. This ignores the clear language of the provision.

The language of the bill is limited to "rules, regulations, decrees and orders." In no manner could it be interpreted to apply to voluntary steps taken by industry, or to voluntary programs developed by the E.P.A. that might have energy conservation or environmental benefits.

That said, I do not want a Federal agency to impose its will on American workers, farmers and industries by regulatory fiat unless it is pursuant to a treaty that has been ratified by the Senate and implemented by legislation enacted by Congress. JOSEPH K. KNOLLENBERG
Member of Congress, 11th Dist., Mich.
Washington, July 15, 1998

To the Editor:

Senator Phil Gramm's concern that in the name of public purpose "private property is being trampled on" (news article, July 14) left me incredulous. There is little public property in Texas (Mr. Gramm's home state), as about 95 percent of the state is privately owned.

In fact, the state itself has become involved in entrepreneurship, turning over to developers some of that remaining public land that is then transmogrified into shopping malls, sometimes overriding local zoning regulations and ordinances as well as depending on local government to provide much of the infrastructure for these developments.

Senator Gramm can try to persuade the rest of the world that private property here is being trampled on, but many of us in Texas see the reverse. SALLY SAUL
Austin, Tex., July 14, 1998

To the Editor:

Your July 14 Whittier Journal mentions only the tip of the iceberg in ill-planned road projects throughout Alaska. Twelve major road projects pose threats to our salmon industry, Native American subsistence livelihoods and the Alaskan way of life.

You mention the road across the Copper River Delta, for which Representative Don Young is sneaking a rider on the appropriations bill, threatening the largest and wildest wetland system on the West Coast. Mr. Young is silencing the ability of Alaskans and Americans generally to have a public debate on the road by this backdoor approach.

The road would cross the Chugach National Forest, the country's second largest national forest, and would sever more than 250 streams, threatening the Copper River salmon and the livelihood of the fishing town of Cordova, Alaska. This senseless rider should be struck from the appropriations process. SCOTT ANAYA
Anchorage, July 15, 1998
The writer is an organizer for the Alaska Center for the Environment.

To the Editor:

Last week Carol M. Browner, the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, appeared in Albany to attack the General Electric Company on the issue of PCB's and the Hudson River (news article, July 10).

Ms. Browner is upset that this year's E.P.A. financing bill directs the agency to refrain from dredging until a study of the potential environmental consequences of dredging is completed by the National Academy of Sciences.

The E.P.A. is not interested in basing its decisions on good science or the interests of the public. Ms. Browner's trip to Albany had nothing to do with science or the public interest. Her purpose was to build support for the most extreme remedy possible: the dredging and landfilling of the Hudson River. To proceed in the absence of the best science and to require dredging with huge landfills, all in the interest of national politics and sensational headlines, is to invite disaster for both. GERALD B. H. SOLOMON
Member of Congress, 22d Dist., N.Y.
Washington, July 17, 1998

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Hillary's House of Mirth

WASHINGTON

On her tour of American landmarks last week, Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Edith Wharton's chateau, known as the Mount, in the Berkshires.

The novelist from fin de siècle I and the First Lady from fin de siècle II make an intriguing pair.

People often wonder how the great social observers of the past would dissect the madness and the inanity in Washington today. How would Mark Twain skewer Kenneth Starr on Larry King? What would be left of Matt Drudge after Evelyn Waugh got through with him?

And surely, the ideal chronicler of Hillary Clinton would be Edith Wharton, who sat in her own grand white house writing about women strangled in a cat's cradle of tribal constraints and pieties. She wrote about women forced to narrow their lives or disguise their natures or choke down indignities because of double standards. She wrote about the awful ironies that crushed women's dreams.

Isn't it ironic?

Mrs. Wharton, who knew something about difficult men and who deemed husbands "notoriously inopportune" in one short story, had a grim appreciation of the sacrifices women made in marriage, and of the female manipulation required to traverse indirect paths to power.

Mrs. Clinton's modern Washington is still strikingly like Mrs. Wharton's old New York, with plenty of constrictive tribal rules and double standards and corrosive scandals. "The House of Mirth," the story of Lily Bart, a young woman who is destroyed by the tribe after she makes one serious mistake, does not exactly read like historical fiction.

Hillary Clinton is no Lily Bart, but she has had her own rough education in the ways of the capital. It's hard not to feel sorry for her as she brightly leads a bus tour of deteriorating historic landmarks while Spooky Starr does a retroactive bed check on the President. Hauling Secret Service agents before his grand jury, Inspector Starr demands to know where the President spent some nights when the First Lady was on the road and Monica Lewinsky was in town. (The house of mirth, indeed.)

Mrs. Clinton arrived in Washington with a two-for-the-price-of-one motto, wincing at the term First Lady, reviving her maiden name and treating her role as an equal partnership with the President. She was compared to Eleanor Roosevelt and her admirers expected even bolder things from her.

"Eleanor Roosevelt grew up in an Edith Wharton world and Hillary Rodham grew up in a Gloria Steinem world," Garry Wills wrote in 1993. Therefore, the historian concluded, Mrs. Clinton had the opportunity to have the kind of impact that male advisers like Louis Howe and Milton Eisenhower had.

But it is a measure of how much Mrs. Clinton has had to curtail her ambitions that the historian Doris Kearns Goodwin now says that her role, capped by her landmarks beautification tour, has become more reminiscent of Lady Bird.

On Friday, Mrs. Clinton spoke at the 150th anniversary of the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls. Her rhetoric was anodyne, tinny — safe feminist uplift: "Will we admit once and for all there is no single cookie-cutter model for being a successful and fulfilled woman today, that we have so many choices?" Her high-profile week was part of her latest retooling. She is presiding over meetings at the White House on ways to meld the liberal and moderate wings of the Democratic Party, and is hosting millennial salons.

But she has not achieved the remarkable things she once dreamed about. The public and her Republican critics did not allow her to snip free of her husband's coattails. And she was often clumsy in her presumption of autonomy, tangled in the strange dynamics of her marriage.

Newsweek predicts that, after 2000, Mrs. Clinton will have a fabulous second act with lecture fees rivaling Colin Powell's. The magazine said "the buzz" is that her memoirs will fetch between $4 million and $5 million, far more than her husband's. The publisher Peter Osnos called Mrs. Clinton "the most compelling public figure of her time who's not an entertainer."

But the truth is that Hillary Clinton owes her charisma not to her accomplishments but to her role as the diva in one of the most bizarre political soap operas ever.

It's a story worthy of Wharton: Hillary Clinton's struggle with the custom of the country.

When the Secret Service Talks

On Friday, Secret Service officers were summoned before a grand jury investigating the President they protect. They appeared after Chief Justice William Rehnquist refused to extend a court order blocking their testimony, ending a tug of war between the Justice Department and Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel. Here, some experts discuss the implications.

Laurence H. Tribe *is a professor at Harvard Law School.*

In essence, the courts have held that, if a privilege for the President's bodyguards is to be created, Congress will have to create it. Some say the privilege is unnecessary because no President would knowingly risk his life by holding those who guard him at arm's length. How naïve! Presidents already hate having their freedom constricted by the constant presence of the Secret Service. Giving them yet another reason to push their guardians away increases the risk of catastrophe.

Others suggest a law-abiding President will have nothing to fear even if Secret Service agents may testify about every move and word they observe. Nonsense. None of us would think that way if spied on by others. And a President cannot know which of his actions or conversations might in hindsight be deemed relevant to a criminal inquiry of some sort.

With an exception for direct observation of a crime in progress, compelling agents to testify about what they saw or overheard represents a dubious trade: some more relevant evidence might be generated (though probably not much, since most Presidents would react by hiding from agents), in exchange for a heightened risk that a President will be injured or killed.

Theodore C. Sorensen, *a lawyer, was special counsel to President John F. Kennedy.*

Compelling testimony from those entrusted with the security of the President diminishes the very purpose of their existence. Congress should act immediately to create such a legal privilege. To invite this and every future President's mistrust and avoidance of those responsible for his or her safety is to invite tragedy. In an era when almost everyone in Washington, from Secretaries to secretaries, from diplomats to interns — even prosecutors — delight in telling all through leaks or otherwise, cannot at least the Secret Service be secret?

Seymour Hersh *is the author of "The Dark Side of Camelot."*

Of course the agents should have testified and told what they know, if anything, about criminal activity.

The important thing I learned in researching a book on the Kennedy Administration is how thoroughly Secret Service agents see themselves as cops — highly trained Federal law enforcement officials, to be sure, but still cops, whose function is to stop crime. I also came to understand that the agents on the White House detail are not faceless and selfless, as usually portrayed by the media, but men and women who follow current events and think for themselves. Why shouldn't they be able to testify? In my view, requiring the President to refrain from committing criminal offenses while in office is not too high of a standard.

Presidential privacy vs. duty to the law.

Ronald K. Noble, *a law professor at New York University, is a former official of the Bush and Reagan Justice Departments and the Clinton Treasury Department.*

The Justice Department tried to make the argument that the courts should create a new legal confidentiality privilege for Secret Service agents. But the department might have been better served to argue that such testimony should be barred because of national security concerns alone.

Lewis Merletti, the director of the Secret Service, said that using agents as witnesses will make Presidents more vulnerable to assassination, and he provided detailed analysis to make his case.

Thus, the safety of the President is clearly a national security issue, and the Federal courts have long recognized that questions of national security should be decided by the executive branch — and have deferred to its decisions about whether disclosure of classified information, state secrets or military information would threaten national security.

Susan Low Bloch *is a law professor at Georgetown University.*

The Justice Department's effort to persuade the courts to establish a Secret Service privilege has been hampered by the President's unwillingness, perhaps for political reasons, to assert that he needs this confidentiality. Indeed, it's not the White House arguing for confidentiality, but the Justice Department on behalf of the Secret Service.

The result was an unconvincing argument. Most privileges are between two people to protect their candid conversation. Thus, we have the attorney-client, doctor-patient and husband-wife privileges.

In this case, the Secret Service wanted to allow the President to have candid conversations with whomever he pleased, viewing the agent as nothing more than mere wallpaper.

But the oddity here was that the Justice Department wasn't arguing for privilege controlled by the President. Instead, the Secret Service would have controlled the privilege — even though its conversations weren't the ones to be protected.

Under this logic, the Secret Service or subsequent Presidents could decide to allow agents to testify against a former President. And that possibility could still make a chief executive keep some distance from his protectors.

George E. Reedy *was press secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson.*

The decision to force Secret Service agents to testify may be correct legally. But my experience in the White House tells me that as a matter of policy, it could be disastrous. Presidents live in an atmosphere where moments of privacy are precious. If they now face a situation where men who are there to guard them may be forced to describe private conduct, they will tend to withdraw from their guardians, even when their conduct is quite innocent. In short, they make themselves vulnerable to assassination. This danger should not be exaggerated, as there are worse dangers. But the danger is still there.

I hope that a compromise is still possible. Could Congress act so that the agents could be compelled to testify on major crime, but allowed to keep their mouths shut when they are being asked for little more than over-the-fence gossip?

Thomas Powers *is the author of "The Man Who Kept the Secrets: Richard Helms and the C.I.A."*

"A Republic, Madam," Benjamin Franklin is said to have replied to a woman who asked what sort of government the Founding Fathers had devised for the United States.

She had been wondering if the new government was to be headed instead by a king — the very word we might use for a ruler protected by an armed force uniquely exempt from any question in any place about the crimes of its boss. That a President might like such a change is no surprise, but the idea that he thinks the rest of us might go along — that takes the breath away.

In America

BOB HERBERT

The Donor Class

Most Americans realize that to a large extent you get what you pay for in Congress. But I doubt that many people are aware of just how elite and homogenous the donor class is. It's a tiny group — just one-quarter of 1 percent of the population — and it is not representative of the rest of the nation. But its money buys plenty of access.

"Congressional donors," according to a national study of individual campaign contributors, "are overwhelmingly drawn from the most powerful and affluent groups in American society."

The study, financed by the Joyce Foundation of Chicago, was based on a comprehensive survey of individuals who contributed $200 or more to Congressional candidates in 1996. (Smaller contributions do not have to be reported.)

Ninety-five percent of the contributors were white. Eighty percent were men. Eighty percent were over the age of 45, and nearly half were over 60. And 81 percent had annual family incomes higher than $100,000.

You want elite? Twenty percent of the donors had annual incomes higher than $500,000.

Say hello to the plutocracy.

Most American families earn well under $50,000 a year and are struggling to make ends meet. They may be concerned about such matters as health coverage and financing their children's education, but it's the guy in the knickers strolling off the golf course who gets to go to the clubhouse and ring up his Congressman.

More than half of the campaign donors said they had talked with their member of Congress since the election. More than a third said they had been in touch with both of their senators.

Have you talked with your senator or representative lately?

"People are deeply distrustful of the current campaign finance system," said Lawrence Hansen, vice president of the Joyce Foundation. "Among the mysteries the investigators tried to unravel were the attitudes and feelings of the men and women — and it's mostly men, as you can see — who actually fuel this system."

The survey found that the donors were generally conservative economically and moderate to liberal on social issues. For example, more than half favored tax cuts even if they required cuts in public services, but only a quarter wanted to prohibit abortions.

Rich, white, male — and plenty of access.

The authors of the study said: "These major donors on balance oppose national health insurance, additional anti-poverty spending and reductions in defense spending, but back gay rights and free trade. They are fairly evenly divided on environmental protection and affirmative action."

If voters with less money had more access to their legislators they might have argued, among other things, that there is still a tremendous amount of poverty in the United States and it might be a good idea in these good economic times to address it. The National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University recently noted that one of every four American children is poor, and that the total number is rising.

But the poor do not have any money to throw at Congress and poverty is not a matter of great concern to the donor class. So it's not at all surprising that this Congress would be voting to kill home heating subsidies for the poor, and summer jobs and other programs for disadvantaged youngsters.

No wonder voters are cynical. Ellen Miller, the executive director of Public Campaign, a Washington-based group that supports campaign finance reform, said: "Congress is consistently more responsive to the economic interests of those who fund election campaigns. It does not have ordinary citizens' interests at heart."

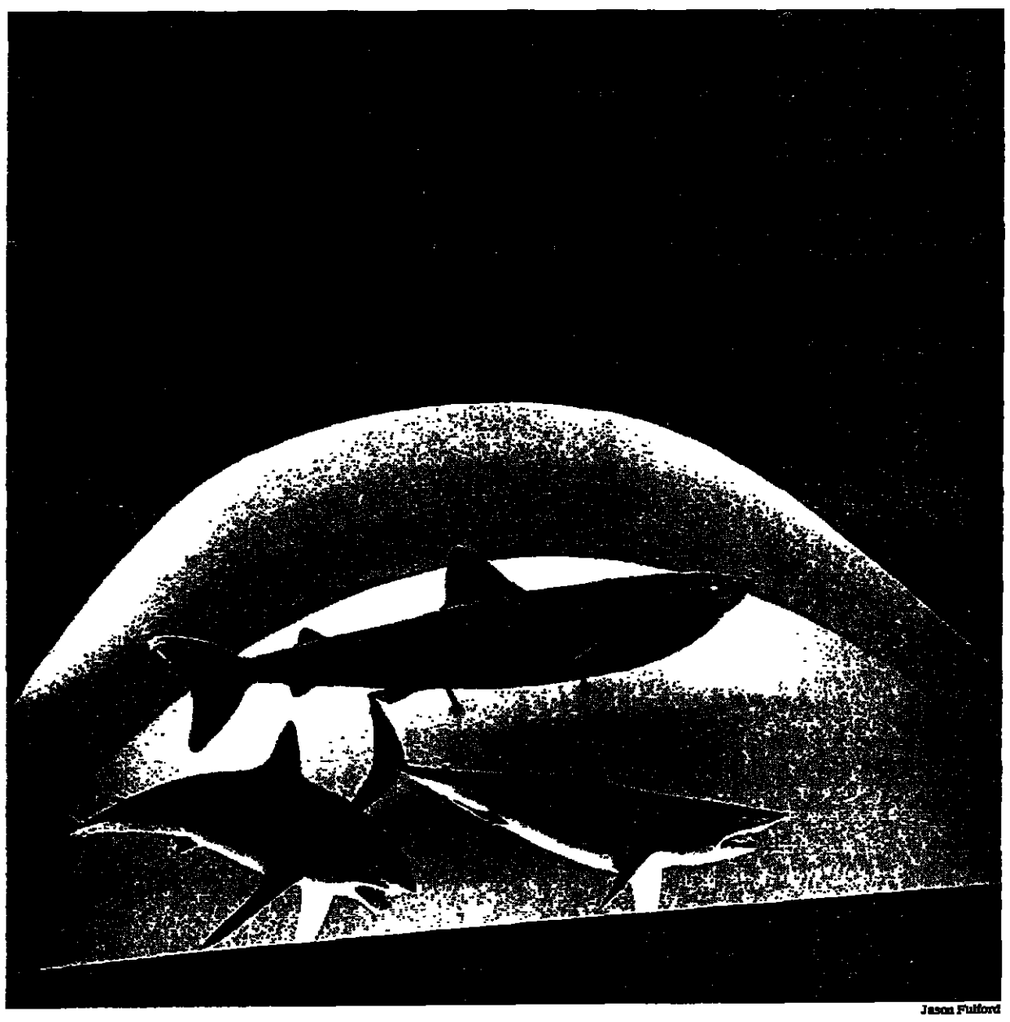
Poll after poll has shown that the majority of Americans are turned off by the way campaigns are financed. Said Ms. Miller:

"The public believes campaigns cost more and more with each election cycle; that those who give the money get something ordinary people don't get — access and influence over the system; that there is a nonstop fund-raising chase, so that candidates spend more time raising money than they spend doing other business; and that good people can't run for office without becoming enslaved to the system, which is both the money chase and the special-interest influence that ensues."

She paused for a moment, then added, "They're right."

Tricksters, Lovable And Otherwise

By Donald E. Westlake



Jason Fulford

ANCRAM, N.Y.

There's something about a swindler that captures the imagination. From the trickster tales of the Plains Indians through O. Henry's "gentle grafter," Jeff Peters, to Bugs Bunny, there have always been stories told about the quick-witted schemer who outfoxes everyone in sight.

The grifter has always had his factual counterparts, as well. In America, the most infamous may be Yellow Kid Weil, who scammed and conned his way across our country from 1900 to 1934.

"I never cheated an honest man, only rascals," he said. "They may have been respectable, but they were never any good. They wanted something for nothing. I gave them nothing for something."

Or maybe the most infamous is Italian-born Charles Ponzi, inventor of the Ponzi scheme, a simple scam in which he borrows $10 from you today and promises you $5 in "interest" 90 days from now. The interest is not from investments but from later investors. In a year, $20 million went into Ponzi's offices, but only $15 million came out.

Or maybe the most infamous should be Reed Waddell, who in the 1880's invented the gold brick, which was a lead brick triple-plated with gold and containing one removable real gold plug, which the sucker could have assayed before making the buy.

Or maybe the first prize should go to Cassie Chadwick, who for several years in the early 1900's had a number of presumably grown-up bankers in Cleveland and New York convinced she was Andrew Carnegie's illegitimate daughter. They loaned her more than a million dollars a year on her prospects.

For a con artist to become famous, however, means the con artist has failed. The Yellow Kid Weil had to retire because every cop in the country knew what he looked like. After Ponzi's exposure in the United States, he was deported to Italy in 1934, where only Benito Mussolini was dumb enough to hire him. Ponzi escaped to South America with a bunch of Mussolini's money.

And now we have the story of another scammer who has come to public notice by failing in a big way. This is a woman sometimes named Sante Kimes, who has become infamous not for her schemes and scams but because, the police say, she may have done what the sharpers don't do — turn violent.

Brutality is not the normal M.O. The grifter's whole purpose is to beat you with his mind, not with his fists. The pleasure for the con artist comes from watching his or her own cunning; the manipulation of the sucker is the primary goal, while any profit is merely the proof of the win. The victim's ears, you might say.

Swindling is a genteel art. Usually.

Of course, a con artist, if feeling threatened or desperate, is just as likely to turn to violence as any of the rest of us, but he or she would see that as a kind of defeat. It is domination through cleverness that interests them, not domination through fear. The combination of swindle and brutality is oil and water; it just doesn't make sense.

And that brings us to the strange history of the Kimes family, mother and son. According to newspaper reports, the mother has been a sneak thief and a cheat and a trickster and a fraud since at least 1961, when she was arrested for petty theft in Sacramento.

Over the years, investigators say, she has tried all kinds of chicanery, ranging from operations as complicated as insurance fraud to simple crimes like walking out of a Washington hotel with somebody else's $6,500 mink coat.

Yet the only time all this led in the direction of even implied violence was when she conned several young Mexican women into working as maids in her house. She imprisoned them, wouldn't pay them and threatened them with beatings. Eventually, one escaped and got help, resulting in Sante Kimes's only prison sentence, serving three years for enslavement.

Now here comes the son, Kenneth, a recent addition to the act. Investigators say he is not the con artist his mother is, but they point to a history of violent flare-ups. At 15, a neighbor said, he attacked and beat Mrs. Kimes. In 1995, while Kenneth Kimes was at the University of California at Santa Barbara, a fellow student filed a restraining order against him, saying he had become abusive after a disagreement.

Growing up, news reports say, Mr. Kimes was known to hate his mother, to be afraid of her, to consider her crazy and dangerous and an embarrassment. Her three years away in prison have been called by Kenneth's old friends the "golden age" of his life. But then his gentle father died and his mother was back, and where else did he have to turn?

Think for a minute about being a con artist's child. You cannot expect any straighter a deal than anybody else. You are going to be lied to and conned and manipulated and controlled and laughed at from morning till night. No wonder Kenneth couldn't stand her, and was delighted when she went to prison.

Yet when she got out of jail, she needed him, and, the police say, that's when he went in with her. Now, there are a number of mysteries. There was the banker in the Bahamas who met Mrs. Kimes for dinner and was never seen again. There was the Los Angeles businessman who was found shot to death. And now, there is the disappearance of Irene Silverman, an elderly Manhattan socialite who disappeared in what the authorities call a plot to take over her fortune and her town house.

What have Sante and Kenneth Kimes found together, what mutation from the gentle grafter of O. Henry? The mother-son relationship, always complex, becomes too intricate to imagine when the two team up to live outside the law.

The con artist was always to some extent amusing, part of the world's entertainment. The perpetrators had to be admired at least for their skills if not for their morals. But when the trait metastasizes, as the authorities suspect in this case, it isn't amusing anymore.

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THE ARTS

In 'Saving Private Ryan,' War Is Once Again Hell

By RICK LYMAN

A LINE of landing crafts dips and sways in the heavy surf. Inside one of them, a bunch of dogfaces, including one portrayed by Tom Hanks, wait nervously for the moment to disembark along the Normandy coast. It's the morning of D-Day, June 6, 1944, just off Omaha Beach. Laden with rifles and unwieldy packs, some of the men pray, others are sick into their helmets. A few are visibly shaking. So far, this is pretty much the kind of re-enactment of the historic World War II landing that you would expect from a big Hollywood movie: a top star surrounded by lesser-known supporting players, with sumptuous visuals and state-of-the-art sound — sentimental, safe.

Then the doors to the landing craft fall open, and Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," which opens on Friday, becomes an entirely different kind of movie.

Before the men in the front row can take a step forward, bullets slap into them. Body parts are torn away. Blood sprays. Men crumple and scream. Those behind them scramble for cover, but there is none in the narrow steel corridor of the landing craft, so they clamber over the sides and into the icy water, where the bullets find their marks silently.

Mr. Hanks, playing a decent but war-hardened Army captain, stumbles gracelessly into the low surf, shaking and clutching at the sand. All around him, men are falling, crying for their mothers, losing entrails; bullets are thunking into the ground and into dead bodies; heads are erupting into gore.

Almost certainly the most intense and realistic war film since "Platoon," "Saving Private Ryan" may not be what audiences are expecting from a movie that pairs the director of "E.T." with the star of "Forrest Gump." Sentimental and cheery it is not. Nor is the violence in any way glorious or thrilling. It is terrifying, claustrophobic, difficult to watch. The reaction is not "Wish I was there" as much as it is "Get me out of here," largely because the violence is presented so matter-of-factly and from a soldier's point of view.

"We dedicated ourselves to taking an unblinking look at combat in the European theater of operations, post-D-Day, World War II," said Dale Dye, a retired Marine Corps captain who was Mr. Spielberg's chief military consultant on the $65 million film. "That was sort of a mandate from Steven. We're not going to nod; we're not going to blink. If it's real and it's gruesome and it's horrible, well, so is combat."

The film is framed by two major battle sequences. The first, which runs about 25 minutes, is set on Omaha Beach as Mr. Hanks and his squad cover the few hundred yards from the landing craft to the cliffs. The film's final half-hour or so is set in a fictional Normandy village in which Mr. Hanks, his squad and a handful of other soldiers try to keep a German armored company from seizing a key bridge. Mr. Spielberg said that he struggled to make the battle scenes as truthful as possible, both in the way they look and in the way they force the audience to feel.

"I didn't want another war-movie That intention explains the look of the battle scenes in the film, Mr. Dye said. "There's a lot of asses and elbows, and there's a reason for that," he said. "That's what combat cameramen generally see."

Taking his cue from actual film of D-Day and from still photographs, particularly those of Robert Capa, Mr. Spielberg shot the sprawling battle scenes as if he were a journalist making his way through the action. "I decided to play the role of a combat cameramen more than a director," he said.

The kind of fuzziness and quick camera movements that are frequently found in combat documentaries are recreated here. Even the colors on the negatives were muted in post-production to give the battle scenes a more authentic look. The action was never stopped to catch the stars in close-ups. And Mr. Spielberg said he decided to shoot the landing and ensuing battle in continuity, even though it was difficult to time the shooting to coincide with the tides. (This portion of the movie was filmed last summer on the coast of Ireland.)

Instead of making an extensive storyboard for the battle sequences, Mr. Spielberg simply staged the action, put his cameras in the middle of it and recorded what happened. The result is graphic and unglamorous. But are audiences ready to watch a World War II film presented so bluntly?

"I'm not sure that we know that the audience is ready for that kind of graphic detail," said Ian Bryce, one of the film's producers. "We hope that they are, because it is real. It was very important to Steven that it be very real and very frightening and very graphic. Because, you know, from all of our research on that day, we could see that it was just sheer carnage. Steven felt that in some earlier movies that war has had a tendency to be sanitized, shall we say."

For Mr. Spielberg, who interviewed veterans and read many first-person accounts of D-Day in preparation, the violent intensity of the battle scenes was a debt of honor to the members of his father's generation who over the years had watched as their war was buried in sentimentality and feel-good jingoism. "I really felt an obligation to honor the courage of what those soldiers went through," Mr. Spielberg said. "Most of the stories I heard from veterans were honest stories about palpable terror, almost blind terror. War is not about glory. I felt we needed to be truthful to do honor to those soldiers."

In between the two battle sequences, the story of "Saving Private Ryan," which was written by Robert Rodat, is about a squad assigned to find a single paratrooper, Pvt. James Ryan (Matt Damon), who is lost somewhere behind the lines in Normandy in the chaos of the days just after the invasion. Ryan's three brothers have all died on D-Day in other parts of the invasion, so, unknown to him, he is the last surviving son of an Iowa farm family. Gen. George C. Marshall issues orders that he is to be found and taken from harm's way.

Mr. Hanks and his squad — Tom Sizemore as a crusty sergeant, Edward J. Burns as a kid from Brooklyn, Jeremy Davies as a timid pencil pusher drafted into the mission because he speaks German and French, Barry Pepper as a devout hillbilly sharpshooter and others — are given the mission, but soon begin to question their orders. Why are their lives worth less than this one missing soldier's?

Mr. Spielberg's demand for verisimilitude became infectious, Mr. Dye said. He insisted that Mr. Hanks and the cast go through a rigorous boot camp so they would get some idea of what it was like to be bone-weary, wet and cold. When some of the younger actors voted to quit the camp before it was finished, it was Mr. Hanks, with the prodding of his close friend Mr. Spielberg, who talked them into staying.

"When I saw the film," said Mr. Burns, "the first guy I wanted to thank after the credits rolled was Dale Dye, because we looked like soldiers, and he did that." During boot camp and even during the shooting, if you were forgetting the soldier side of your performance or your training, he'd scream at you. He'd say, we don't want to dishonor the guys who died on that beach or in that war, and I don't think we did.'

Mr. Burns said that the decision to begin shooting the film with the D-Day sequence was crucial in helping the actors find their characters. "On the page, my character is kind of a wise guy, but after seeing what it was like on that beach, I felt I had to bring a much harder edge to it," he recalled.

Many previous Hollywood movies about World War II were sanitized and sentimentalized, in part for understandable reasons. "During the war, part of the reason was that the films also served a propaganda purpose," Mr. Spielberg said. The last thing the military wanted was to give prospective soldiers and their families an unblinking look at the carnage they faced. And even at the end of the war and later, when some Hollywood films like "The Story of G.I. Joe" and "Attack!" attempted to hint at the gruesome reality, there was little appetite among many returning soldiers to relive the horror or expose their families to it.

Now, however, Mr. Spielberg and his team hope that America is ready for the real deal. "Perhaps enough time has passed that you can look at it without blinking," said Thomas E. Sanders, the movie's production designer.

The first hurdle the filmmakers faced was finding proper locations to stage their battles. Mr. Sanders first scouted beaches in France, but couldn't find anything suitable. "It was the hardest location I ever had to find, because we wanted it to be so specific," he said. "Most of the beaches were controlled by the military or were part of a wildlife refuge or were too developed."

In addition, Mr. Spielberg said, French officials seemed to throw up roadblocks at every turn, leaving him to suspect that they really didn't want the film shot in France.

Kevin De La Noy, an associate producer on the film, said he felt from the beginning that the D-Day scenes should be shot in Ireland. He already had a working relationship with the Irish Army from his role in filming Mel Gibson's "Braveheart," and knew that there was a good chance of finding a beach whose shape and tides would match Omaha Beach's.

After a search of about three months, Mr. Sanders found one in County Wexford. All that was needed was a sand wall near the base of the cliffs to match one that existed on Omaha Beach, and the Irish Government gave permission to build that.

The location was near a school where the filmmakers could house and feed the 850 soldiers who worked on the sequence. The men were divided into platoons, each with its own leader, and the whole project was structured to resemble a military operation.

"THERE was a big interplay in the scene between the soldiers and the special effects, the explosions and things," Mr. De La Noy said. "That was where I came down against recruiting ordinary extras from off the street. We needed guys with some training and discipline to do what they were told when things were blowing up around them."

Several amputees were hired as extras, then fitted with fake limbs that were blown off during the battle sequences.

Despite all the heavy equipment and all the explosions and all the people running around in mock terror, there was only one serious accident on the set: a Land Rover ran over an extra's foot. "Other than that, it was just sand flying in people's eyes," Mr. De La Noy said.

"Since the camera was always going to be in the middle of the action, stylistically we were down on the beach rather than an omnipotent eye in the sky," he said. "What happened was that you needed a depth to the background action, so that highly believable things are happening in the foreground and in the distance."

Before each shot, Mr. Dye could give specific instructions to each of the platoon leaders, who could pass them along to the men. Then, during shooting, he could talk to them from a loudspeaker system high on the cliffs. "We called it the Voice of God," Mr. De La Noy said.

Mr. Dye recalled: "At the same time, I was on four different radios, talking to the ships, talking to the armor. I had my staff down there, three of my NCO's, literally running around down there on the beach like jackrabbits, trying to keep it all moving. It was extraordinary. It was like being a battalion commander in combat and watching your troops maneuver while the cameras are rolling."

Mr. Spielberg said that he knew that his role in directing the hundreds of extras in the battle scenes was largely inspirational, and he tried to convey to them the importance that he felt about doing it just right.

The documentarylike approach to the filming also allowed Janusz Kaminski, the cinematographer, and his camera crews to go with the flow of the action, even if it took an unexpected turn. Just before filming began, a huge storm hit the coast and tore up some of the concrete pilings — the so-called hedgehogs — that had been placed along the Norman coast by Germans to vex landing craft. They had to be reconstructed overnight.

When Mr. Spielberg noted that many D-Day survivors had vividly remembered the thousands of dead fish that washed ashore with the dead soldiers, he ordered several bushels of fish to be purchased at a local market and strewn among the immobile extras. Other specific details were borrowed from the memoirs of survivors of the battle. One man remembered seeing a Bible floating in the surf, so Mr. Spielberg ordered a Bible added to the scene.

The director was just as committed to getting the most authentic uniforms, weapons and vehicles as possible.

Joanna Johnston, the film's costume designer, learned that the American company that had had the contract to make all the soldiers' shoes was still in business and had one last batch of the actual dye that was used. So she ordered 2,000 pairs made on the old design and talked the company into churning them out under a tight deadline.

"Since we were going to be right in there with the soldiers, and were going to be getting a close look at the costumes and the shoes, it was crucial that they be right," she said. The company shot for three weeks in Ireland on the D-Day scenes, then transferred to an abandoned British aerospace center in Hertfordshire, where the rest of the scenes were shot, including the climactic battle. For that battle, a replica of a Norman village was built, using photographs of several actual battle sites as guides. There were fewer soldiers involved in that fighting than there had been on the beach, but the logistics of the battle plan that Mr. Dye created for the scene were every bit as demanding.

"We had scouted a lot of towns in France where we could partially build a set, and scouted a bunch of rivers, but there were always environmental problems if we got something in the water," Mr. Sanders said. "Finally, we decided the best course was to build our own village."

It was a major effort, he said. "We had to dig a trench 900 feet long that would be our river," Mr. Sanders said. "Essentially, it was our own lake. And it had to be lined, because we had to control the height of the water very carefully. The design was based on period research, using pieces of four or five actual towns where fighting occurred in the weeks after D-Day. Then we blew 20-foot bomb craters all over the place and up the main street."

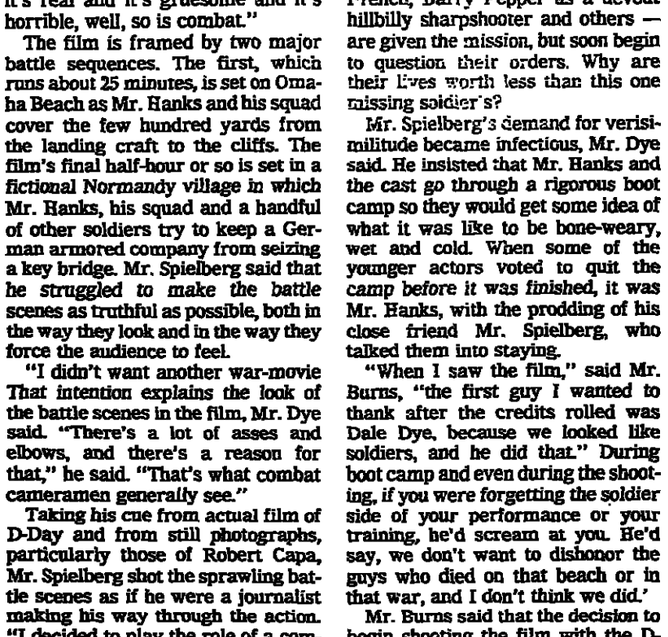
In essence, the goal was the same as the one for the D-Day scenes: to make it all as realistic as possible.

"We knew that if we got anything wrong, there were people out there who would notice it," Ms. Johnston said. "And we wanted to get it right. I wanted to get it right. My father was in the second wave in the D-Day landings, and I wanted this to be, in part, an homage to him."



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Tom Hanks and other members of the "Saving Private Ryan" cast in a replica of a Normandy village.

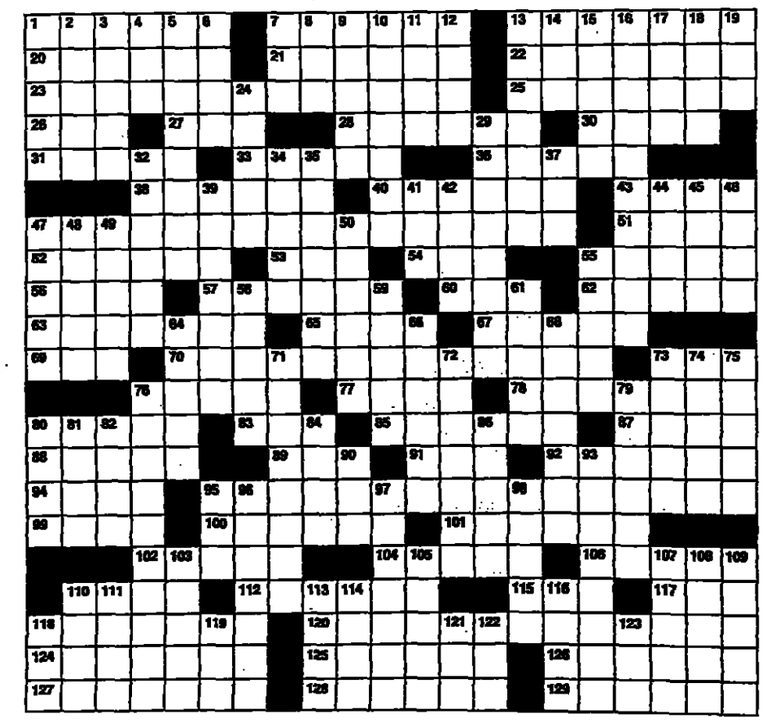


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Mr. Hanks with Steven Spielberg on the Irish coast, recreating D-Day.

LET'S HAVE SOME QUIET HERE!

By Nancy Salomon / Edited by Will Shortz



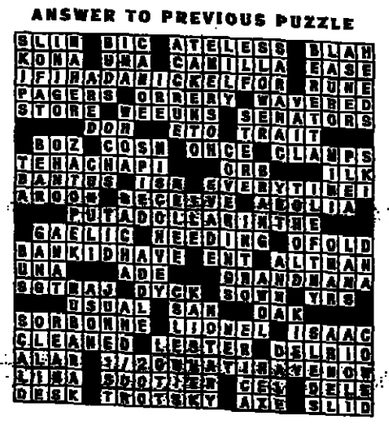
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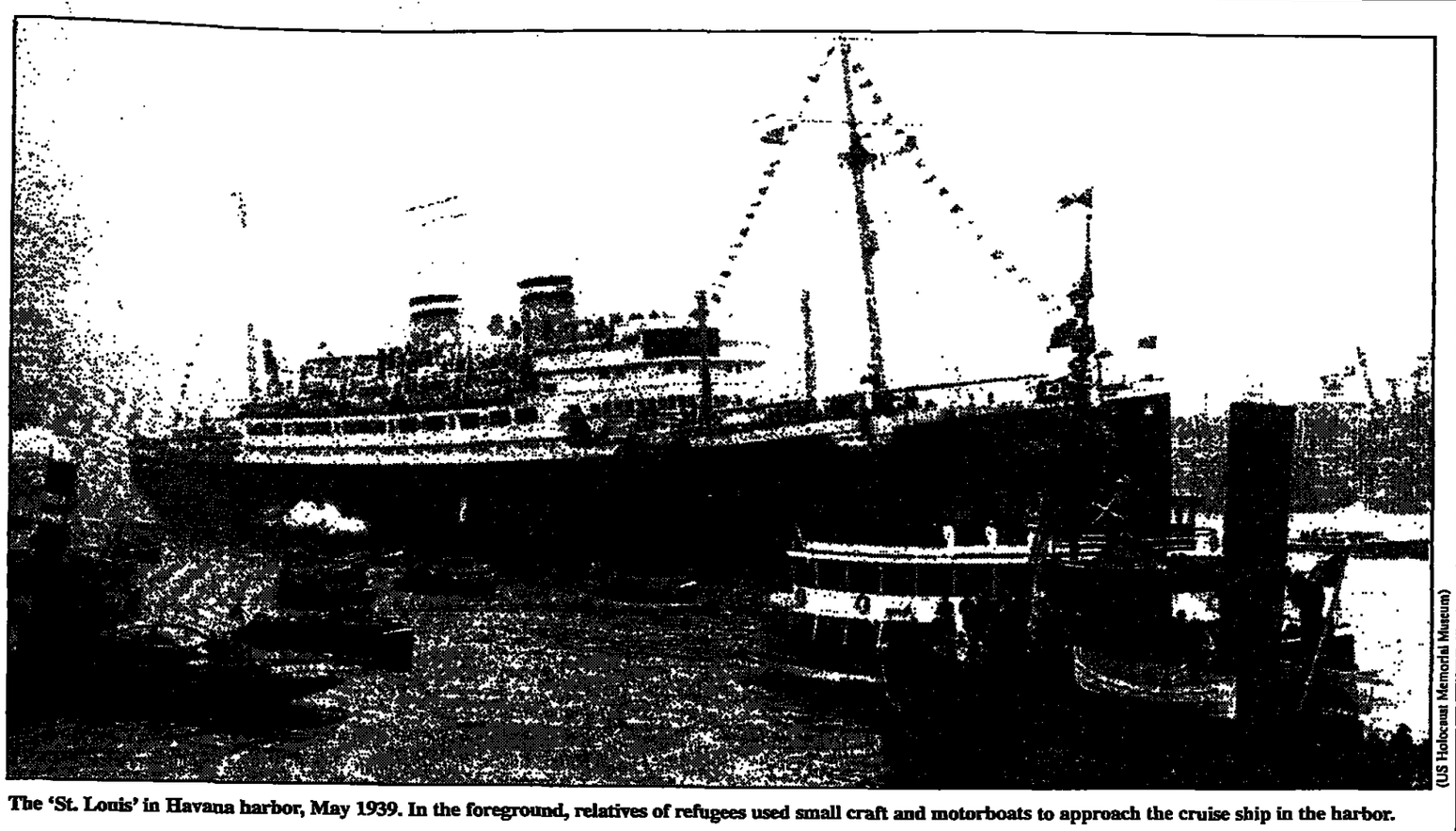
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





(US Holocaust Memorial Museum)

The 'St. Louis' in Havana harbor, May 1939. In the foreground, relatives of refugees used small craft and motorboats to approach the cruise ship in the harbor.

Voyage of the damned

The story of 963 Jews fleeing the Nazis who crossed the Atlantic only to be turned back has been termed 'a microcosm of the Holocaust.' Marilyn Henry writes about the effort to document the fate of each passenger aboard the 'St. Louis'

As the *St. Louis* steamed toward Havana from Hamburg, Germany, with nearly 1,000 Jews fleeing the Nazis aboard, Recha Weiler desperately nursed her dying husband, Moritz.

While other passengers enjoyed the elegance of the civilized cruise after the repressions and humiliations of Germany, Weiler spent most of the voyage in her cabin with Moritz.

But her efforts failed. The university professor died aboard the ship and was buried at sea.

An estimated half of the passengers were to die later, after both the US and Cuba rejected their pleas for refuge and the cruel 40-day journey sent them back to Europe to face the Nazis.

Some 59 years after the *St. Louis*'s desperate passage back and forth across the Atlantic, the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and its Survivors' Registry are trying to trace the fates of its passengers, including Recha Weiler, the 61-year-old widow originally from Cologne.

The *St. Louis* left Germany on May 13, 1939. Its passengers, most of them from Germany, had expensive documents – some bogus – for entry into Cuba.

When the ship arrived, however, Havana – and the US – refused to admit them. The *St. Louis* sat in the harbor for days.

Desperate relatives packed motorboats and approached the anchored liner, shouting messages to loved ones. All awaited the outcome of frantic international negotiations to allow the refugees to disembark.

Ultimately, only 29 passengers were permitted to land in Havana. Then the ship was ordered to leave – maneuvering slowly and tantalizingly near the coast of Florida before turning back to Europe.

On June 17, 1939, the *St. Louis* docked at Antwerp: 214 passengers remained in Belgium, 224 went to France and 181 to the Netherlands. Another 288 passengers went ashore in Britain on June 21.

But, the end of that journey was, for its passengers, the beginning of the Holocaust.

"The fate of the 963 is a microcosm of the Holocaust," said Scott Miller, a researcher at the American museum who is organizing the *St. Louis* project.

Belgium, France and the Netherlands proved to be only temporary havens, as they were quickly overrun by the Nazis. A large number of the passengers who sought sanctuary there were deported and perished in the camps. Some went into hiding. Others apparently fled Europe, most likely before 1941.

Miller estimates that as many as 450 of the *St. Louis* passengers survived – most of them emigrating to the United States.

However, Miller knows of at least eight who subsequently went to England. Another eight migrated to Israel, two went to Germany, four to Canada, three to Australia, two to France, one to the Netherlands, one to Argentina, and four to Chile.

Miller's estimates do not necessarily reflect the whereabouts of *St. Louis* passengers today; many have died, while others may have moved on.

One passenger, for example, hid in Belgium during the war, emigrated to the US, and then quickly resettled in Palestine.

IT SEEMS extraordinary that, after being turned away once, the overwhelming majority of the *St. Louis* survivors still came to the US after the war. Many must have felt the same sense of betrayal that haunted passenger Wilhelm Sydower.

Sydower had boarded the ocean liner intent on finding refuge for his family – a wife and daughter he left behind – and had planned to bring them over when a sanctuary was secured.

Instead, he was returned to Europe and he and his loved ones hid out the war in Belgium, says his daughter, Renee Schifter of Tel Aviv.

After the war, the family returned to Germany. Sydower died within five years, but not before telling his daughter of the journey.

"He told me about the problems they faced to get to a safe shore and how the United States of America, the great nation of immigration, was unable to take in 1,000 people who were in danger of being murdered," Schifter said.

"He told me that the Americans were not much better than the Germans. They did not kill people with their own hands – however, they did not help them in time."

Schifter, who now works on behalf of survivors, refused to emigrate to the US.

"Instead I went to Israel, because I never wanted to stay in Germany," she said.

Miller suggests that others did go to the US after the Holocaust because it may have been easier than entering Palestine in 1946-47.

Those who migrated to Israel went at different times, from different places and under different circumstances, he said.

"It was not the original intent of any of them to go to Palestine," said Miller, who did graduate work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

BEFORE Miller's project, little was known about the fates of the *St. Louis* passengers, in part because the voyage was only the beginning of their Holocaust experiences.

Much of what is known about the survivors is where they were at the war's end, not at its start.

Today, many passengers of that tragic voyage hold the American policy of 60 years ago responsible for the death of their family members.

Michael Barak of Ramat Hasharon is one of them.

Barak was two days shy of his fourth birthday when he boarded the *St. Louis* with his parents. At the end of the journey, his family disembarked in the Netherlands. In 1943 they were deported to Theresienstadt.

Michael's father, Manfred Fink, later died en route to Auschwitz. Barak came to Israel in 1946 as part of the youth aliya program. His mother, Herta Fink, followed in 1948.

TO DOCUMENT the fate of each of the *St. Louis* passengers, Miller has scoured archives in Israel, the US and Europe. At this stage, he says, the project is nearly complete.

Among the Israeli institutions consulted were the Jewish Agency's Missing Persons Bureau, known for its postwar efforts to locate family members of those who came to Palestine; Yad Vashem; and the Jerusalem branch of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which did extensive relief and resettlement work after the war.

Only 70 passengers remain unaccounted for, says Miller, who has appealed to the public for information.

It is assumed that the 70 survived, because there is no evidence to the contrary. Their names do not appear in memorial books or on *shipping manifests, or on lists for* deportations, concentration camps or displaced persons camps.

Miller says that the project is central to the mission of the Holocaust Museum and the Survivors Registry, partly because it will assemble information about the US role in the Holocaust.

Miller hopes to trace the remaining passengers by next May, the 60th anniversary of the *St. Louis*' tragic journey, which became known as "the voyage of the damned."

It is believed that a commemoration of the *St. Louis* voyage could open an international discussion on the American and European refugee policy during the World War II.

An independent Swiss panel of international historians, known as the Bergier Commission, is expected to release a report at year's end about Switzerland's wartime refugee policy. Switzerland admitted about 28,000 Jewish refugees, but has drawn international condemnation for turning away another 30,000.

The United States, which also turned away refugees, has yet to be strongly criticized. Its policy on Jewish refugees during the war seems to have been swept under the rug.

Only 29 percent of all Americans know that the US did not admit all European Jews who sought refuge before or during the war, according to a survey of the American public conducted for the museum and released last spring.

The survey found that 34 percent were unaware of the American refugee policy, while 37 percent thought the US admitted or probably admitted the Jewish refugees.

However, acknowledgement of the US's not so admirable role during the Holocaust came recently from US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat.

In two separate reports on the financial ties between the Nazis and neutral states during World War II, Eizenstat talks about the cold response given the St Louis.

In the June report, Eizenstat admitted that "America's response to the early stages of the slaughter of European Jews was largely one of indifference."

Eizenstat noted that the United States accepted only 21,000 refugees from Europe and did not significantly raise or even fill its restrictive quotas, accepting far fewer Jews per capita than many of the neutral European countries and fewer in absolute terms than Switzerland.

"No country, including the United States, did as much as it might have or should have done to save innocent victims of Nazi persecution – Jews, Gypsies, political opponents and others," Eizenstat said in an earlier report in May 1997.

"Restrictive US immigration policies kept hundreds of thousands of refugees from finding safety in the United States, most tragically exemplified by our refusal to allow the *St. Louis* to dock with its cargo of refugees – many of whom perished when the ship was forced to return to Europe."

In search of the passengers

The US Holocaust Memorial Museum is seeking information on the fate of 67 passengers from the 1939 voyage of the *St. Louis*.

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NAME	YEAR BIRTH	PLACE
Alexander, Gisela	1890 or 1897,	Pirmasens
Alexander, Karl Theodore	1891,	Landau
Alexander, Leo Friedrich	1889,	Landau
Atlas, Charlotte	1898,	Vienna
Bajor, Ladislas (Laaglo),	1913,	Azolnok (Hungary)
Ball, Magdalena (Lippert, Paula)	1900,	Berlin
Blum, Richard	1886,	Berlin?
Bruhl, Hedwig (Springer, Hedwig)	1889,	Freiburg
Bruhl, Lieselotte	1912,	Berlin
Bruhl, Walter	1885,	Berlin
David, Emma (Frank, Emma)	1880,	Steinack
Dzialowski, Bruno	1884,	Liegnitz?
Dzialowski, Lici	1894,	Liegnitz?
Edelstein, Ida	1879,	Berlin?
Ep(p)stein, Bettina (Kitzinger, Bettina)	1905,	Hemmingen
Eskenazy, Gertrud (Grammadt, Gertrud)	1915,	Berlin
Eskenazy, Nissin	1939,	Berlin?
Fanto, Julius	1892,	Vienna?
Fischbach, Moritz	1882,	Vienna
Friedmann, Walter	1899,	Orsoy?
Glucksmann, Hans Heinrich	1898,	Breslau?
Glucksmann, Margarethe	1899,	Breslau?
Goldbaum, Anna	1875,	Berlin?
Goldschmidt, Fritz	1907,	Kitzingen
Greve, Evelin	1928,	Berlin
Greve, Johanna	1897,	Berlin
Gross, Frida	1893,	Liegnitz?
Gross, Johanna	1892,	Liegnitz?
Grossman, Erich	1893,	Hamburg
Grunthal, Horst Martin	1930,	Gleiwitz?
Hammersclag, Max	1902,	Kassel
Heller, Frantisek	1903,	Prague
Heller, Irma	1911,	Prague
Hermann, Juilius Jakob	1878 or 1891,	Nehrsen
Herz, Amalie	1859,	Malsch?
Jacobowitz, Walther	1908,	Breslau?
Jonas, Julius	1893,	Bensdorf?
Kaminker, Berthold	1897,	Ulanow
Krohn, Regina	1908,	Breslau?
Leyser, Erich	1881,	Thorn
Leyser, Margot (Fraenkel, Margarete)	1893,	Frankfurt
Lichtenstein, Fritz	1887,	Berlin?
Lichtenstein, Lucie	1892,	Berlin?
Lissberger, Hedwig (Klopfer, Hedwig)	1884,	Munich?
Loewisohn, Martha	1881,	Westenberg
Mayer, Samuel	1885,	Aschaffenburg
Mayer (Meyer), Stephanie	1894,	Breslau
Meierhoff (Meyerhoff),	Charlotte 1915,	Berlin?
Meyer (Meier), Joseph	1872,	Posen
Moser, Edmund	1871,	Helmstedt
Moser, Rosalie (Moses, Rosalie)	1877,	Horn
Munz, Meta	1921,	Frankfurt?
Ostrodzki, Ernst	1903,	Lobau
Rebenfeld, Kurt	1899,	Frankfurt
Reichensteil, Betty	1889,	Berlin?
Reichensteil, Josef	1891,	Berlin?
Rotholz, Margarete (Spanier, Margereth)	1884 or 1893,	Breslau
Siegel, Arthur	1891,	Ems
Spira, Helene (Henne)	1876,	Vienna?
Sternlicht, Lotte	1905,	Dresden?
Strauss, Max	1902,	Unsleben?
Wachtel, Amanda (Brandt, Amanda)	1887,	Apolda
Wechselmann, Margarete Hermann	1894,	Lowen
Weiler, Recha	1878,	Koln?
Weiss, Gerda	1902,	Berlin?
Wilmersdorfer, Siegfried	1879,	Munich?
Zwiegenthal(l), Fritz	1909,	Regensburg

Crying all the way to the you-know-what

Not Page One



Sam Orbaum

Remember a couple of years ago the banks were hit with a rash of robberies? I was rooting for the robbers.

The Israeli bank is no place to put your money if you ever want to get it back. At least when a robber takes it, there's some chance he'll be caught and the money returned. But the banks are never caught.

I first became aware I was being taken to the cleaners by the banks when I discovered I was being charged for deposits.

Now, I am no whiz at high finance, so I have to simplify things to understand them. I put money in my checking account. The bank takes that money and finagles a bit and earns a profit on my deposit. It makes the bank richer. *Then shouldn't they be paying me?*

They get away with it because the bank cartel owns us, and they know it. What are we going to do, take our business elsewhere? They're almost carbon copies of each other, from the wall-to-wall posters assuring you they'll do anything to please you, to the surly clerks who make you wish you were still waiting in line, to the charges and commissions for every conceivable transaction, including using their bathroom (check your statement).

OK, I didn't check, and maybe you can flush for free. But I'll bet you didn't know they skim off NIS 7.50 for any month you *don't* use your account.

Are these banks in cahoots with each other or what? If not, they'd be reading their own posters and giving us what they claim they do. service with a twinkly smile. They'd be tripping over themselves trying to win clientele.

A notable exception can be made for at least one bank, the First International, which really does pare down its charges. And the Postal Bank, which is almost completely free, because by law, it cannot charge commissions. The downside is that it is not a full-service bank.

ONE OF 'em at least tries to fool us into thinking they understand the concept of fair competition. It calls itself "Discount."

Discount?!

If they'd give 10 percent off of any of their services I'd give them some credit. (I only give them debit.) If there's anything they discount, it's service – which wasn't much to rave about even before they went on strike.

I have had accounts at all the biggies – Hapoalim, Leumi and Discount – and I seriously think I'd have been better off all these years stashing my money with the Wakf.

I'll give you an example. I opened an account for my friendly neighborhood Scrabble club. It is not the Clal Corporation.

The account, at Discount, lived for less than half a year, from January 9 to June 30. In that time, I made four deposits – mixed cash and checks – plus three withdrawals. I wrote four checks (one bounced).

You know how much they siphoned off from such a modest account before I closed it in disgust? Seventy-one shekels and ninety-two agorot. A big chunk of it was for something they call Administrative Commission: NIS 37. What exactly do they do, sit and count every agora every day?

They even wanted to charge me a shekel for every 100 coins I ran through their coin-counting machine. I sarcastically asked for a discount, and they didn't even smile.

Then it occurred to me: If my club shelled out NIS 71.92 for 11 transactions, how much am I spending – gulp – on my personal account? I mean, what am I paying more, income tax or bank charges?

It was close.

I took a closer look at my statement. Everything seemed to be in order: huge amounts for this, huge amounts for that. Just about what I expected. Then I got my Visa statement. Gas, food, car repairs, some stuff that's none of your business. And membership.

Membership?

Yeah, it seems I'm a member of the Visa Gold Club.

They billed me NIS 186.05 – plus another NIS 222.42 for a second card that had expired.

A year ago, I got a call from someone at my Leumi branch. He hollered at me, with the charm of an onion vendor, to come pick up my card.

"What card?"

"Your Visa Gold."

As if I knew what the hell he was talking about. With all the impatience he could muster, he volunteered no information but only answered questions, and I squeezed out of him that the bank was giving me a free Visa Gold card for a year.

"But I don't want one. I didn't ask for one. And I'm not paying for one. And anyway, why me?"

He assured me it was absolutely free, no strings attached. For a year.

I knew there had to be a catch, and there was.

Did the bank, or Visa; really expect me to remember 365 days later that I had an active credit card that was suddenly no longer free? Of course not.

Did they warn me?

Of course not.

Did they ask if I'd like to continue owning the card, and then tell me what it cost?

Hah.

They simply billed me.

This is what separates the companies from the corporations.

I might have been a lot madder about this trickery, deception and chicanery, but my bank manager, Tamira Yair, was overbearingly pleasant when I complained to her. She gave me no chance to throw a ferocious tantrum by smiling and agreeing that NIS 408-and-change is a bit much to spend for one operational Visa card. She readily reduced the charges to nearly nothing.

Yair was unaware of a recent story in the *Post* about a new law requiring banks to tell customers of charges. She smiled again. No problem.

She showed me a display of all the charges. It ran to 34 pages. (I could not find on the list anything about Credit Allocation, which appeared on my latest statement, and Yair could not convince me the NIS 5.40 I spend on this every three months is money well spent.)

Her predecessor at my Leumi branch in Jerusalem's German Colony can be found in Banking's Believe It Or Not.

I was once walking in the neighborhood. A shopkeeper yelled out to me from across the street: "Hey! The bank manager says he wants you to see him immediately! Your overdraft is too high!"

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I shouldn't complain, really. I'm sure the manager was only trying to save me the cost of his telephone call.

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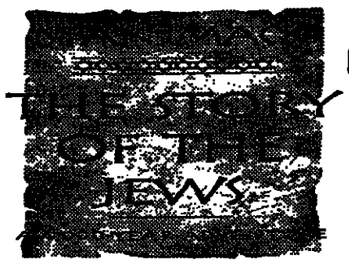
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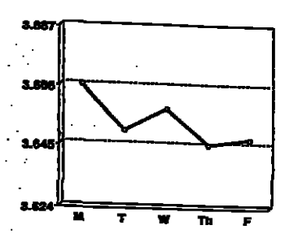
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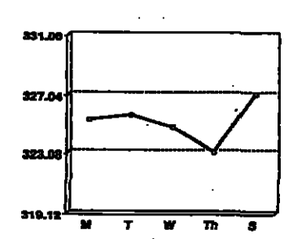
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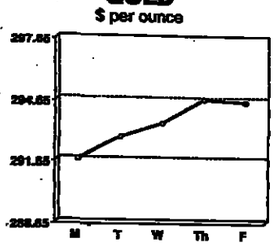
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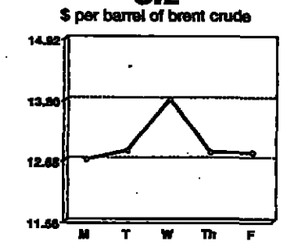
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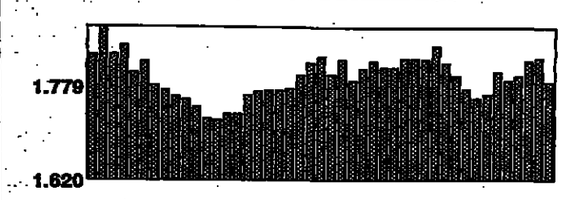
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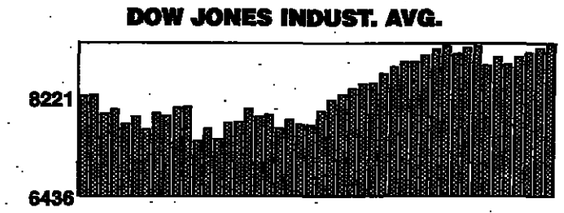
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Dankner buys 5% of Ma'ariv for NIS 34m.

Dankner Investments announced yesterday it has purchased 5.1 percent of Ma'ariv Holdings, the parent company of *Ma'ariv*, for NIS 33.8 million. The price is some 30 percent higher than the closing price of Ma'ariv's share on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange on Thursday and is seen as part of an attempt of the Dankner family to prevent a takeover of Matav Cable Systems, which is jointly held with Ma'ariv.

The Dankner family last week signed an agreement with *Russia's Most Invest, which owns 10% of Matav,* to block a takeover of the company. Most is controlled by Russian banking tycoon Vladimir Gusinsky, who purchased 25% of Ma'ariv for $85m. last May. At that time Gusinsky had given Ma'ariv an option to acquire his stake in Matav, allowing it to increase its holdings in the cable TV operator to 24%. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

June's money supply up 0.5%

M1 money supply totaled NIS 20.2 billion in June, up 0.5 percent on the May figure, according to initial data published yesterday by the Bank of Israel. This figure follows an updated 0.5% decline in May and a 3.8% rise in April. Over the last 12 months, M1 has increased 11.1%. *David Harris*

Histadrut declares work dispute

The Histadrut yesterday declared a work dispute as its talks with the Treasury on pay in the public sector once again failed to produce results. Treasury Wages and Labor Agreements head Yossi Kucik rejected the labor federation's claim that the Finance Ministry is delaying the talks, aimed at updating pay for state employees. *David Harris*

Tefahot's Wurzburger retires

Uri Wurzburger, managing director of Tefahot Israel Mortgage Bank, yesterday announced he will retire. Wurzburger, 66, who served for over five years as the top executive of the country's largest mortgage bank, said he wants to retire since he has already passed retirement age. He has served in the past as director general of the Energy Ministry and senior deputy director general at Israel Chemicals. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Elbit buys 34% of Kinetics for $2.6m.

Elbit Systems Ltd. has acquired a 34 percent share of Kinetics Ltd. for $2.6 million with an option to increase its holdings to 51%, executives said yesterday. Executives of the Haifa-based Elbit said the acquisition of the Or Yehuda-based Kinetics took place on Thursday.

Kinetics develops new technologies and systems in the field of environmental control for armored vehicles. The company also develops and manufactures products for combat vehicle applications, such as hydraulic fuel braking, suspension and power pack systems. Kinetics includes as its customers the IDF and the US Army. Elbit President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Ackerman said the investment in Kinetics broadens the company's technological base.

"With Kinetics, we will be able to further expand our business in the field of armored vehicle upgrades, an important business area for Elbit Systems," he said. "We will continue to explore possible strategic acquisitions that offer complementary technologies, as well as access to our target markets."

Elbit is competing in about 10 upgrade projects, including tank upgrades. The company is seeking to enter both the eastern and western tank market. *Steve Rodan*

PM aide raps Treasury over mortgages

By DAVID HARRIS and NINA GILBERT

"It's about time the Treasury realized it can't keep expecting the public to absorb its bills," an official in the Prime Minister's Office told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

This comment was made after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday said he would soon propose changes to the Mortgages Law in order to allow more young couples to qualify for government-backed, low-interest mortgages.

Netanyahu also said that he soon intends to act on a government decision to sell the public housing stock, offering discounts to current residents.

The money for young couples' mortgages will have to come from the Treasury's coffers, according to the official.

Deputy Housing and Construction Minister Meir Porush's spokesman Moshe Eilat also said the money must be found by the Treasury. There was an agreement reached between the Prime Minister's Office and the Housing Ministry on Thursday to reduce the threshold for aid, which would benefit thousands of young couples.

"The budget is now the problem," Eilat said. "The Treasury must find a solution."

A senior Netanyahu aide last night admitted he has no idea where the money will come from "but I'm sure we'll find it somewhere," he said.

Netanyahu's statement was issued following a meeting with Yisrael Ba'aliya Party ministers Natan Sharansky and Yuli Edelstein. The two told the prime minister they would not support any changes to the Mortgages Law in the Knesset unless there are increases in mortgages for young couples and immigrants.

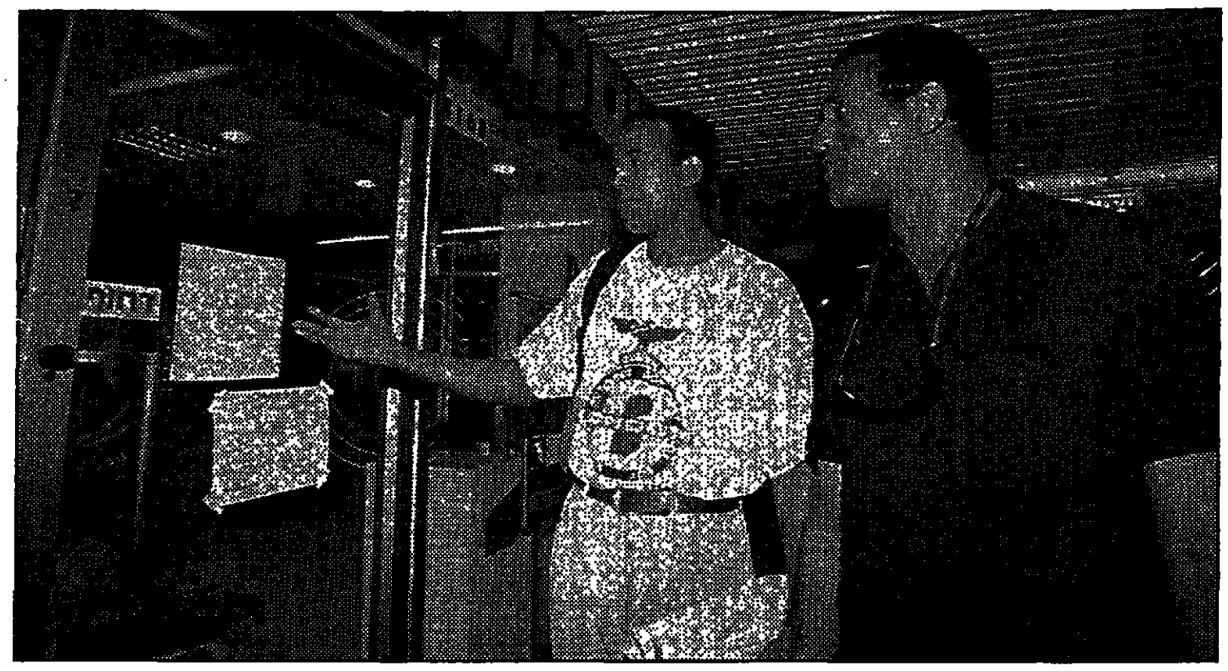
In December, Yisrael Ba'aliya said its support of the government's 1998 budget was dependent on an update of mortgages. Netanyahu's pledge is a commitment to implement the December agreement, according to Edelstein's spokesman Yehuda Glick.

The plan is to add NIS 1.2 billion to the mortgage budget for the next two years, said Glick. Funding would come from unused mortgage moneys, in the wake of the sharp drop in activity in the housing market, and any additional funding needed would come from the Housing Ministry's reserves, he said.

Last night, a Treasury spokesman said his ministry only will respond to a request for additional funds once it has been made by Netanyahu.

"In any case, this particular issue cannot be raised for the time being," he said. Today the Gadish Committee recommendations for reforming the government mortgage system will have their first reading in the Knesset. Netanyahu's changes only can be included once the bill reaches the Knesset Finance Committee, the Treasury spokesman said.

Last Sunday, the government approved the Gadish Committee's proposals, which call for an increase in aid for poorer families, while freezing help for young, childless couples in the center of the country.



Israel Discount Bank customers find their branch in Tel Aviv closed yesterday due to the continued lockout. (Israel Sun)

Abeles protects Discount from lockout claims

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Bank of Israel Supervisor of Banks Zeev Abeles yesterday issued a special decree protecting Israel Discount Bank from claims arising from the ongoing lockout in Israel's third-largest commercial bank.

The decree also protects from legal procedures clients who could not transfer money to third parties or complete other transactions because of the lockout.

The move was taken as the dispute in Israel's third largest bank intensifies.

Talks among the bank management, heads of the workers committee and the Histadrut has so far failed to bring an end to the lockout declared by the bank's management on Wednesday night.

Discount spokeswomen Dorit Harari said management has called workers to return to work and promise not to take any sanctions until the bank's sale is completed.

The workers committee rejected the call to promise no sanctions and has filed a petition to the Tel Aviv District Court asking it to force the management to open all the bank branches.

At the same time the bank's subsidiary, Mercantile Discount Bank, has asked the Tel Aviv District Court to tell the bank to restore the operation of its central computers unit, which also provides services to Mercantile branches.

The activity of Mercantile, which operates as an independent company, was hampered by the shutting down of the main computer system.

Meanwhile, the bank has said its clients can withdraw cash from the automatic teller machines at all banks up to a sum of NIS 1,000 a day.

In addition, clients can also withdraw up to NIS 600 a day from all banks without paying commissions. Discount has also reached an agreement with Bank Leumi allowing its clients to deposit money in their accounts through Leumi.

Discount has clarified that despite the fact that the branches remained closed for the last three working days, borrowers will be charged interest and savers will gain interest.

IEC raises $400m. in bond sale

By DAVID HARRIS

The Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) raised $400 million over the weekend in a bond sale in the US, the company said yesterday.

The company floated $125m. of 20-year bonds and the remainder for seven years. Interest rates were fixed at 7.7 percent and 7.1% respectively.

The sale was managed by Lehman Brothers, with Salomon Smith Barney, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. IEC was rated A- for the sale, the same status as that presently conferred on the State of Israel.

Ahead of the sale, four of the company's top officials held some 30 meetings with potential American investors in Boston, Minneapolis, New York and Columbus, Ohio.

In a statement, IEC said it is delighted with the sale, which took place "under the shadow of the Asian crisis and increasing uncertainty in the Middle East. The American capital market expressed its support in IEC despite the difficult circumstances and this is encouraging."

Of the 30 investors purchasing bonds, 11 were buying from IEC for the first time. Their share of the sale amounted to $150m.

The company intends raising an additional $175m. in October as part of a wider short-term strategy of raising $1b. in the US and Europe to fund investments for the company and development of the electricity network.

Dependant on this year's capital flow, there may be a need for the raising of an additional $100m. towards the end of the year.

IEC sold $1.2b. worth of bonds abroad in 1996 and 1997. In December, it sold $300m. worth of 30-year debentures with a coupon of 7.75% and $125m. worth of 10-year notes with a coupon of 7.1%. Lehman Brothers managed those sales.

Discount charges lowest commissions – survey

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Israel Discount Bank charges the lowest commissions among the country's five largest banks, according to a survey published yesterday by the Bank of Israel's Supervision of Banks department.

While Discount maintained its position as the cheapest financial institution since the central bank started publishing the report in 1995, Bank Leumi continued to charge the highest commissions.

The central bank said that since it started publishing its commission index, bank costs have dropped by an average of 3.1 percent in real terms. The decline is attributed to greater competition and more transparency.

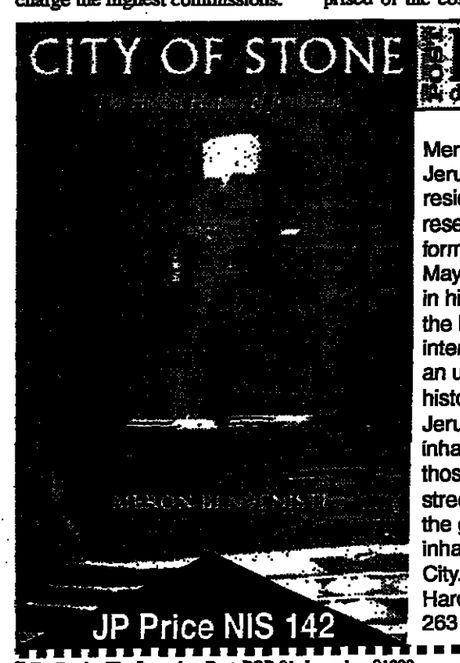
The sharpest decline in commissions was in Bank Leumi, where costs declined 4.1%, while commissions at United Mizrahi Bank fell 1.8%.

The commissions index is comprised of the cost of the 12 most frequently used banking services.

The Supervision of Banks department said it recommends that the public compare commissions among different banks in order to better negotiate lower costs.

The central bank said that banks used to charge an annual commission of NIS 15 to NIS 21 for the use of information cards, allowing clients to get an update of their bank account.

The Supervisor of Banks called banks to lower these commissions to only NIS 8. Since Leumi was the only one refusing to lower the commission, the central bank has decided to set a limit of NIS 8 for this service.



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Hadarim Prop.	6900	8.4
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Hapoalim 0.1	1071	2
Harel Mishmar 1	3450	1.4
Harel Mishmar 5	16280	-2.6
I.D.B. Dev.	9740	1.4
I.D.B. Holdings	9420	0
IDCE	2310	4.8
Ind Bldgs	808	2.5
Israel Chemicals	492	0.4
Israel Corp. 1	92300	0
Isrotel	680	0
Jetora	808	0
JCT	36.5	-1.4
JEC	1831	-1
Kitan	314	4.5
Koafalen	4700	0
Koor	43400	0.2
Leader	1305	1.3
Leumi Insurance	220	3.6
Leumi Mortgage	782000	-0.3
Lior	3540	1.1
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	1050	1.1
Menorah	630	0
Metab	4560	2.4
Mehadrin	14000	0
Mei Eden	1560	0
Mellisaron	1030	0
Menorah Ins. 1	2170	0
Mifanor	1577	-0.2
Mishkan	65300	-0.8
Mizrahi Inv.	8900	0.1
NATSWA REGULAR	1340	-1.3
Nice Systems	13930	2
Ocil	7650	0
Orbit	1380	2.2
Ormat Industries	516	3.7
Osem Industries	1801	1.4
Petrochemicals	2140	5.6
Phoenix Ins. 1	5400	0
Poalim Inv.	12790	-0.7
Prop & Bldg	32400	0.9
Salt Industries	2070	1
Solel Bone	4520	3.3
Supergal	1185	0.8
Tadiran	12120	1.2
Tambour	572	0
Telshot	198100	0
Tempo	1580	1.9
Teva	12470	2.2
Urdan	283	0
Wire and Cables	7115	0.4
Ytong Industries	906	0.7

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	392	0
Solomon Holdings	420	0
Abjac	1.9	0
Abtdi	45	0
Ace-Spada	53	0
Ackerstein Bond B	162.4	0
Ackerstein Ind.	492	2.4
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1788	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	7020	0
adalom	36.5	0
Adanim	356091	0
Adler	102	0
Adsha	148.5	0
Adumim	188	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	89.9	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	56	0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	131.9	0
Afsak Ind	1040	0
Agis Warrant 3	18	-161.1
Agis Warrant 4	476	0
Agish Ind1	398	0
Agri Investments	446	1.1
Al-Ben	114	-8.8
Al-Ben Bond A	108	-0.5
Alba c2	95	0
Alba w5	148.6	0
Alliance	780	0
Alonit	278	-2.2
Alony-Hetz	5100	2.2
Alony-Hetz Bond A	237	0
Alrod	172	-0.6
Alrod Warrant 1	4.8	9.1
Alrov Bond D	77.1	0
Alrov Warrent 5	349	0
Alumir	208	0
Alumit	2442	-0.5
Amigur	160	0
Amilkar	241	0
Ammell Warrant 1	28.8	0
Amnat	615	1.5
Amps Investments	118900	0
Analyst EMS	765	0
Angel Trade	31.5	-0.6
Angel Trade Bond A	143.5	0
Angel Trade Bond B	168	0
Angel Trade Bond C	57.5	-0.9
Apcom	971	-2
Apcon warrant 1	305	2.6
Applicom	3080	1.3
Aracall Warrant 2	352	0
Arad	1480	-2
Arad Towels	871	0
Arazim	78	0
Arazim Bond 1	239	0
Argaman	270	9.3
Arkadan	1038	1.5
Arpal	330	-2.4
Aryt	150	3.2
Ashdom Plywood	582	0
Ashdom Plywood Bond 1	240	0
Ashdom Plywood Bond 2	123.5	-0.4
Ashot	368	0
Ashtad Bond A	150.5	0
Ashot	322	-7.1
Ashot Bond A	183	0
Ashpara	77	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	172	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	150	0
Ashtrom Ind.	515	0
Ashtrom Prop.	228	0
Ashtrom P Bond 1	88	0
Ashtrom p warrant a	24	-12.5
Astrata Bond C	92.5	0
Astrum Warrent 2	26.5	-13.2
Attton	76	-4.8
Atmor	2280	0
ATX	211	-3.2
ATX Bond A	152.5	0
Atzmon	223	0
Asra	4210	2.1
Avarot	344	0
Avarot Bond A	158.2	0
Avedyoch Fonnica	545	0
Aviv	325	-9.3
Aviv Bond 1	151	0.3
Aviv Bond 2	86	0
Avnat	2	0
Avrot Bond 2	83	0
Avrot Warrant 2	41	0
Ayalon	499	0
Azimuth	448	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	168.1	1
Azorim Warrant 13	420	2.1
Azorim Warrant 5	88	0
Azorim Warrent A	800	0
Azorim Warrent B	600	0
Badagis Bond 1	40.4	-5.6
Bailit	404	0
Balantine 1	159	10
Balantine Bond A	126	0
Balantine Warrant 2	4.4	0
Balron	3300	0
Barad Israel	91.5	0
Barnatzal Bond A	148	0
Bar	334	0
Bar Bond A	118.5	0
Barad	282	0
Barsinovitz	885	0
Barkan	751	1.5
Barzel	91	-0.5
Bartal	225	0
Basmal Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	88	0.8
BaySide Warrant D	2200	0
Bclt Shamesh	1700	0
Belmon	338	2.4
Ben Yakar Bond A	164.5	0.9
Ben Yakar Bond B	80	0
Ben Yakar Gal	2822	0
Bensam	195.5	-1
Bezalk Bond 3	122.5	0.2
Bezalk Bond 4	2200	4.5
Bezalk Warrant 3	570	0
Bezelk Warrant Bond 3	322	1.2
Bilu	1910	0.2
Bilu Bond A	177	0
Binar	493	0
Bird	222	-0.4
Bolas Bond B	78.5	0.6
bolas gad warrant 1	46	0

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Bonel Tichon	630	0
Bonjour	491	0
Boulous Brothers	160	-0.5
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	256	0
Boulous GD Bond A	131.5	0.4
Brand	61	0
Brill	60.5	-0.8
Brok Side	22.1	0
Broch	108	0
Building Bank	1917	10
Building Resou.	3430	0
C Holdings	497	-11.1
C Holdings Bond 5	95	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	57.5	24000
Cassarea 1	4980	0
Caniel	3430	0
Capital	850	0
Capital Bond A	114	0.1
Caprice	290	0
Cargal	800	-1.2
Carmiel	550	0
Carmiel	417	-0.5
Castro	518	0
Catalena 1	592	0.5
CDI	176.5	0
Cenomincal Bond A	71.1	0
Cenomical	391	1.5
Centre	128	-2.1
Centre Bond 1	126.5	0
Chami	490	2.3
Chayun Computers	137.5	0
Chemipol	405	0
Chim-Nir	460	0
CI Systems	164	0
Cnaan	160.5	0
Cnt Computers	8320	6
Cnt Israel 5	510	2.9
Cnt Retail	69439	0
Cohen Beni	125	0
Cohen Dev.	200	0
Cohen MM	165	0
Cold Storage 1	1810	0
Cold Storage 5	8910	1.2
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	258	0
Compl	144.1	-5.3
Compl Warrant 1	20	0
Computite	182	0
Comtech	384	0.8
Contrans	771	0
Contel	940	-1.1
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	843	-0.5
Credit Line	5.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2300	-1.7
Cyclone Bond 1	246	-2
Cyclone Bond 2	150	-0.3
Dalron	1748	0
Dalron Bond 1	246	0
Dalin	1.4	-7.1
Dan Rent-A-Car	711	-5.5
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	152.5	-1.8
Danber 1	3800	-2.3
Danber 5	17300	-1.2
Danber Bond A	271	0
Danber Resources	6800	0
Danber Resources Bond B	184	0
Danber Tech.	5570	0
Danber Technologies Bond A	149.9	0
Daniel	57.5	0
Daniel Bond A	85.5	1.2
Daniel Personnel	2070	-2.9
Daniel Warrant 2	498	10.8
Danimer Bond 1	207	0
Danimer Bond 2	132	0
Danimer Bond 3	91.8	0
Danimer Warrant C	400	4.1
Danly	495	-2
Darad	100	-4.8
DARBAN BOND 2	97.1	0
Darban Bond A	269	0
DARBAN W2	265	-0.8
Darban Warrant 3	160	-6.2
Darex	124	0
Darlov	140.5	0
Dash Investment	578	0
Data	671	-0.4
Decision Systems	519	2.9
Degem Systems	474	3.5
Delek Drillings	9.6	8.3
Delek Oil	1449	0
Delta 1	3800	-1.1
Delta 3	10600	0
Destiny	1390	0
Digal	123	0
Dimon	1304	0
Dolev	350	0
Dolev Bond A	132.9	0
Dolev warrant 1	44	0
Domicar	380	0
Domicar Bond	150	0
Dor Berger	380	-7.9
Dor Chkin	542	-0.9
Doro w1	120	0
Doros	56	0
Dorl c1	93	1.1
Dorl Engineering	455	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	133.5	0.4
Dovrat Bond A	136	0.4
Dovrat Shrem	1400	1.1
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	18.6	0
DSL	1000	0
Dubek M	2.1	10.5
Dubek S	2	11.1
Dunitz	301	0
DYG Industries	436	0
E & M Computing	1076	0
Edgar Albani	75	-0.7
Edgar Industries	200	2
Edgar Inv. Bond C	82	0.9
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	21	0
Elbar Bond A	88	0
Elni	182	0
Elram	298	0
Elbaran	3490	4
El Bad	1855	3
El Canit	598	0
El Canit Bond 1	157.5	0
Elad	615	-5.7
Elad Bond A	168.9	0
Elad Bond B	135	0
Elad c3	70.5	3.5
Elad w5	30	16.7
Elbit Computers Bond B	123.5	0
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	306	-5
Elden Tech.	180	1.1
Electronics Line	508	-0.8
Elgar	5020	0.6
Elishav	483	0
Elitech Ind.	1100	0
Elkam	307	1.8
Ella	393	0
Ella Bond A	140	0
Elran	3600	0
Elron Warrant 2	2480	3.5
Emdc	1345	0
Emyle	660	0
Engel Const.	700	-0.7
ESE	2080	4.3
Eshed Robotech	216	0
Even	398	0
Evergreen	3270	0.3
Ewols Warrant 1	1480	0
Excellence	1682	-1
Export Inv.	785	-0.4
Extra	99.5	-2.9
Feldsan	178.5	0
Feldsan Bond A	143	0
Feldsan Ind.	357	0
Feldsan Warrant 3	10	0
Fertilisers 1	127	2.8
Feuchtwanger 1	10700	1.9
Feuchtwanger 5	51500	2.9
Fibrelt	2815	-2
Five J Jewelers	246	-5.4
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	126.5	0
Formica Source	150	-5.1
Fruitexom	341	0.9
Gahelet	15890	2.9
Galcom	192	0
Galran	1178	0
Gama	188	0
Gamatronic	548	0
Gamtek	1615	0
Gan ShmoelBond A	125.4	-0.2
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	670	2.8
Gan Shmuel	1697	1.8
Ganel Hadar	406	0
Gap Development	107	1.4
Gap Holdings	238	0
Gap Warrant 2	8	-1.3
Gazit	575	0
Gazit Bond B	147.5	0
Gazit Bond C	119.5	0
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	83	0
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	643	0
Gibor Warrant 2	104	0
Gilbon	78	-1.2
Gilco	168	0
Gilek	1750	-3.1
Givot Olam Oil	74	2.7
Glob Rit	710	0
Golan	580	0
Gold	411	0
Golden House	357	0
Golden House Bond 1	246	0
Golex	163	0
Granit Bond	143.9	0.8
Granit Bond 2	149.5	-0.3
Green Software	650	0
Greenberg	1338	-3.1
H. Electronics	60	0
H. Mor	918	-1.1
Habas	2927	-0.2
Habas Bond 1	123.5	0.4
Hacker 1	24500	0.8
Hacker 5	76900	0
Hacker Ins. 1	620	0
Hacker Ins. 5	3750	6.7
Hadarim Bond1	111.9	0
Hadarim Warrant1	1300	10
Hagal	402	0
Hagal Bond B	146.5	0
Hamashor	332	0
Hanel	5	4
Harel Bond A	484	0
Hasin Esh	700	0
Hasson	168	0
Hatshot 1	275	-1.5
Hatshot Bond A	151.8	0
Hayal	1052	0
Hayal Bond1	11.1	0
Hayal Bond2	180	0
Hayal Warrant 1	80.6	0.7
Hed Arzi Music	320	0
Hiron 1	16340	0
Hiron 5	36000	0
HL Service Bond 2	180	0
HL Service Bond 3	144	0.3
HL Services	1686	0
Hod	130	0
Hof	609	0
Holit	125	0
Home Center	7590	0
Hydrolics	120.5	-0.4
IES Industries	850	0
IES Warrant 1	100	0
Ilan Gat	112.6	-0.4
Ilan Gat Bond A	143.5	0.3
ILDC Bond 6	256	0
ILDC Hotels	449	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	164	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	100	0
ILDC Insurance	295	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	130.3	0
Inrop	1045	5
Ind Bld Warrant 3	47	4.3
Ind Bldgs R1	25	12
Ind.Dev.Bank C	298	2.7
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3000	6
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2850	0

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Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1682	0
Independance Mort	78000	0
Intercoms	774	0
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	12700	0
Iscar	1695	-0.1
Ispro	4000	-1.2
Isracolor	400	0
Israel Corp. 5	131500	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	135.5	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	171.1	0
Israilson	935	0
Israilson Bond B	265	0
Israilson Bond C	85	0.6
Issamoo	2.5	-4
Israe 1	7190	0
Israe 5	29300	0
Israe Bond A	245	0
ISTA LINES	2160	0
Ituy	2980	6.4
Ituy Bond 1	65.9	0.7
Ituy Warrant 1	390	0
Ituy Warrant 2	20	0
Jotora Bond A	180	0
Jeysour	143	5.9
Jeysour Bond A	104.5	0
JEC Bond B	93.1	0
Jerusalem Mort	197.4	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	169	1.2
Jisuno99	30.2	0
JOEL	93	0
JOEL Bond 1A	217	0
JOEL Bond 2	119.5	0
JOEL Bond A	220	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.5	0
Kadorant	172	2.3
Kadourt	330	0
kadrice bond b	78.5	1.5
kadrice warrant 1	88	0
Kalnt	1290	0
Kalkalit Bond A	91	-1.1
Kalkalit warrant 2	304	3.6
Kamour	554	-6
Kamour Bond G	126.6	0.1
Kamorgal	1117	-0.3
Kanel Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30.7	0
Kanicol Bond A	44	0
Kardan 1	495	1
Kardan 5	2400	-2.1
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kedem Chemicals	3900	-2.8
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenitex	341	0
Kesher	653	0
Kesher Bond A	145	0
Keter	510	0
Kind	28.4	-2.1
Kind Bond A	55	-9.8
King	247	0
Kinneret	220	5.3
Kisch Kinur	177.5	0
Kishrel Teufa	1199	3
Kital	341	-10.9
Kital Bond A	155.5	-2.9
Kital Bond A	111	0
Kill Ind. 5	6490	0
Koor Bond 5	150.8	-0.3
Kopel	216	-0.9
Kopel Bond 1	242	0
Le Nationale Bond A	139	0
Le Nationale Pref	116.2	0.1
Lachish	3130	4.2
Lamont	813	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	75	0
Lasers	445	8.7
Lavlev	586	0.5
Lazmick Bldg	482	4.8
Lazmick Comm Ctrs	153	10.1
Lazmick Commercial Centres Bond	120.5	0.4
Lazmick Ind Bldgs	260	0
Lazmick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	127.5	0
Leader Warrant B	10	0
Lego	460	0
Leumi Rl	126.2	7.8
Levanthal	436	0.9
Levi	660	-6.2
Levi Bond A	137	0.4
Levi Bond B	82	0
Levi Warrant 2	81	0
Levinstein Bond A	97	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	816	0
Lewisstein	1490	0
Liber	343	0
Lidan	1280	-3.2
Litalie 1	176	0
Litshir 5	522	0
Lgad	743	0
Lgad Bond 1	148	0
Lightsage 1	575	5.1
LMS	240	0
Lipman	2810	-6
Lipski	2480	3.2
Lipski Bond A	165	0
Lisaz Bond A	141.5	0
Lodan	151.5	0
Lodzia 1	1500	0
Lodzia 4	5182	0
Lohot Galil	40	0
Lohot Galil Bond 1	139	0
Lumir	5000	0
Ma'ariv	3330	7.5
Ma'ariv Bond A	150.6	7.2
Maabarot	1289	0
Macpell	805	-1.9
Macpell Bond A	135.3	0
Macpell Bond G	114.1	0
Macpell Bond C	72	0
Macpell Warrant 3	62.9	0
Madi	712	0
Magam	151	9
Magam Bond A	167	0
Magam Bond B	124.5	0.4
Magar	148	-0.3
Magena	33.3	0
Magor 1	1980	0
Magor 5	9680	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	78	1.3
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	580	0
Maikal	291	0
Mail	64.5	3.2
Malibu 1	1302	0
Malibu 5	6050	0
Malibu Bond B	179	0
Malta	780	0
Man	88	0
Man Bond A	220	-0.5
Mantar	28.7	0
Marathon	94	0
Marathon insured	99	-1
Marlo Lazmick Constr. Bond 1	163	0
Marlo Lazmick Constr. Bond 2	142	0
Maritime Bank	1519	-0.6
Maritime Bank Bond A	195.5	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	136.5	1.1
Mashav	849	0
Mashbir	836	0
Mashov	400	0.2
Mashov	162	-1.2
Matam	1221	0
Matav Warrant 1	995	0
Maxima 1	333	0
Maxima 5	1444	0
Mazpak	615	0.5
Med. Hotels	37	0
Medtechnica	725	0
Medtechnica Bond A	130.8	0
Medtechnica Bond B	75.2	0.3
Medtechnica Warrant 2	166	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	54.5	-0.9
Megatech	57.5	0
Meimad	360	0
Meir Ezra	2010	1
Meir Ezra Bond B	247	0
Melal	285	0
Melisaron Bond B	88.5	0.7
Melisaron Warrant 3	44.5	8
Mendelson	222	0
Menorim	37.1	-1.9
Menorah Ins. 5	8630	0
Merczit	880	-2.1
Merhav	209	0
Meytzrit	393	0
Middle East Tube	380	2.8
Middle East Tube Bond A	104.9	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	20.9	-14.8
Millenor Bond A	130	-2.9
Millenor Bond B	76.3	0.4
Millenor Warrant 2	190	0
Minicar	105	0
Mini Line	523	0
Minrav	12540	0.2
Mirage	208	-5.8
Mirage Bond A	128.1	0.5
Mirage Warrant 1	14	0
Mirkam	69	0
Mishmael	19	0
Mishmael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	140	0
Mishor Hahof	380	0
Mitcrank	159	0
Mivtach Shamir	2410	-1.2
Mivtach Shamir	1257	0
Mizrahi	1014	0.6
Mizrahi warrant 1	496	1.8
Mizrahi warrant 2	238	0.4
MM Engineering	89	0
MM Engineering Bond A	98.5	1.5
Modgal	670	0
Modiin	1	0
Moflat	221	2.7
Moflat Convertible Bond AAA	311	0
Molott	684	0
More Plastic Ind.	574	0
Mashlovitz	159.9	0
MTI Computers	475	0
Mul-T-Lock	805	0
Mula Sentar	223	0
Nachshon Fund	50	0
Naphtha	33.8	0.3
Naphtha Oil Exp.	20.8	0
Natbur	500	-3.1
NATSWA BOND A	97.2	0.4
Navigator	371	0
Navigator Property	754	1.2
Nechushtan Bond B	72	0.4
Nechushtan Prop.	198.8	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	127.2	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	28.9	0
Negev Ceramics	160.5	0
Nekushtan 1	563	0
Nekushtan 5	2580	0
Nest Aviv	6890	-5.2
Netua	453	7.1
Neva Arbel	69.5	5.5
Nevtlim Hotels	380	0
Nevlot	700	0
Nia	233	-2.1
Nilaiv	1080	1.9
Nisco	2880	2.1
Nissan	246	0.8
NMC	268	0
Noga	1545	2.9
Noga Insurens	119	7.5
Nordan	10.9	0
Nordan Tech.	358	0
Norlolk	690	12
Norlolk Bond A	141	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	868	2.5
Oceana	282	0
Ocil Bond A	179.1	0.3
Ocil Bond C	83.4	0.5
Ocil Warrant 2	889	-0.1
Oclean	680	9
Olek	212	0
Oler Bro.	6200	0
Oltis	1080	-0.9
Ogdan	51	0
Ohaller	627	0
Oil Fields	1.2	0

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Old-Dok	290	0
Omm	273	0
Ommtech	198	0
Ophir	418	7.2
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	133.5	-2.9
Orasys	3157	0
Orazil	510	0
Orazil Bond A	156.5	0
Orda	4020	0
Orda Bond 1	172.5	2
Orav	692	0
Oriell	118	0
Orlite	311	0
Orlite Bond A	84.8	0.9
Orlite Warrant 2	42	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	123.2	-1.1
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	145	-4.8
Ortal	370	0
Otzar Hashilton	26200	1.5
Oz	202	-8.9
Oz alide	407	-2.2
Packer Steel	5800	0
Pahtough	606	1
PAM	581	-0.7
Pama	700	0
Pamas	2520	-2.8
Pan Dor	250	0
Pardes	758	0
Pardes Bond A	68.5	-0.7
Passport	1940	0
Paz Chen	549	0
PCB	1577	1
Pdan Investment	53	0
Pereg	107.2	0
Perlcasa	753	1.7
Phoenix Ins. 5	20400	0
Pica Plast	356	0
Pleros	127.5	-3.8
Pleros Bond A	138	0
Pilat	385	0
Plason bond a	97.5	0
Plason warrant 1	480	0
Plasson	3620	0
Plasto Sac	670	0
Plasto Sheck Bond A	85	0
Plasto Sheck Warrant 2	80	-21.2
Poalim Inv. Bond B	91	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2850	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	128.6	0
Poalim Warrant 3	526	3
Point of Sale	2540	2.8
Polaris	309	0
Polgat A	241	1.2
Polgat B 4	900	0
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	206	0
Polygon Bond 2	215	0.5
Poraz	252	-1.2
Port	79.5	-5
Poseidon	113.7	0
Pri Hasmek	20.9	0
Pri Hasmek Bond A	85.5	-1.1
Pritzker	198	0
Pritzker Bond A	142	-1
Profit	310	0
Profit Bond A	125	0
Python	505	5.1
Quality Cap Mkts	485	0
Rahatlan	210	0
Ram Zur	80.3	0
Ramgor 1	291	0
Ramgor 4	702	0
Rapak	2560	3.5
Rapak Bond A	150.4	0.5
Rasaco	1020	2
Ratio	1	0
Ray Car	129.

England make changes for 4th Test

LONDON (Reuters) – England, desperate to level the series, have made five changes to their squad of 13 for the fourth Test against South Africa beginning at Trent Bridge in Nottingham on Thursday.

Graham Thorpe was unavailable because of his injured back but Surrey teammate Ben Hollioake, opener Nick Knight, spinner Ashley Giles and seamer Dean Headley have all been discarded.

Surrey left-hander Mark Butcher, who played in the first Test and made 77 before injuring his finger, has been recalled to open the innings with Mike Atherton. Graeme Hick, as expected, is recalled to replace Thorpe in the middle order.

Another player strongly tipped for a recall was leg spinner Ian Salisbury who comes into the squad in place of Warwickshire left armer Giles. Less strongly tipped was the call up once more of Leicestershire left-arm paceman Alan Mullally who has replaced Headley.

The fifth newcomer is Lancashire's exciting, hard-hitting all rounder Andrew Flintoff who, at just 20, appears to have an exciting future ahead of him, although he is unlikely to play at Trent Bridge.

England selection convenor David Graveney explained the reasoning behind the squad choice after a lengthy meeting with fellow selectors Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting on Saturday night.

"Mark (Butcher) was the man in possession of the opening berth at the beginning of the series and, although his injury took longer than expected to heal, we're confident he's now fully fit to resume his partnership with Mike (Atherton) at the top of the order," Graveney said.

"We did consider dropping Nick Knight down the order to fill in for Graham Thorpe but Graeme Hick has had a tremendous summer and we feel he has the appetite to re-enter the stage.

Two of his four Test centuries were scored against South Africa. Graeme will bat at number six with Mark Ramprakash moving up to number five," Graveney said.

"The three selectors have all seen Ian (Salisbury) on several occasions this season and we've been impressed. He's the most successful England-qualified slow bowler this summer, he produces results, he's had a lot of bowling and he's in form."

Graveney added, "Alan Mullally has been consistent and is up there amongst the leading wicket takers of the summer. The main reason for his inclusion is the variety that he will give to the attack which looked a bit bland at Old Trafford. Flintoff, it seems, will have to be content with carrying the drinks."

Graveney said: "All the selectors are keen to get young players involved in the atmosphere of Test cricket. (Surrey paceman) Alex Tudor is another whose name is mentioned and obviously Ben Hollioake is still in our thoughts although his form hasn't been the best recently."

England currently trail 1-0 in the five-match series with two Tests to follow – at Nottingham and Headingley in Leeds.

Stewart ousts Hollioake as one-day captain

The England's selectors also performed an extraordinary about-turn yesterday with the sacking of Surrey all-rounder Adam Hollioake as one-day captain and the appointment of Test skipper Alec Stewart in his place.

Graveney spent some time justifying the decision to appoint Hollioake as the limited overs captain while Michael Atherton was still the Test captain in the West Indies last winter and before that when Hollioake took the one-day team to Sharjah.

But he said yesterday: "We feel the situation has changed with Alec being the Test captain and also such a key one-day player for us." Graveney added: "This is not a criticism of Adam. He led the side well and the selectors were happy with him in the West Indies.

MCC holds birthday party on W.G. Grace's 150th

LONDON (AP) – A big, burly man with a black, bushy beard dominates early images of cricket in its modern form – almost as entirely as the name W.G. Grace dominates all the early entries to record books.

There's a simple explanation for the correlation. It's because the bearded Victorian-era gentleman, Dr. William Gilbert Grace, was so superior to his cricketing contemporaries that he became a figure synonymous with the game.

W.G. Grace is considered the father of modern cricket and regarded as being responsible for turning a nobleman's past-time into England's national summer sport.

Saturday marked the 150th anniversary of his birth, July 18, 1948.

A match between the World XI and the Marylebone Cricket Club was played Saturday at Lord's – the home of cricket – with the winners laying claim to the W.G. Grace trophy. AS it happened, the World XI, led by Sachin Tendulkar, triumphed by six wickets over MCC, who were captained on this occasion by Michael Atherton.

The MCC selected the date for the match as a tribute to Princess Diana and a celebration of Grace's birth.

Grace amassed 54,980 runs, including 126 centuries, and took 2,876 wickets in a first class cricket career which spanned 43 years – a record in itself.

He set all the early cricket records. He was the first player ever to score a century in the first session of a match and he was the first man to score 1,000 runs and take 100 wickets in a season.

He was also first to score 2,000 runs and take 100 wickets in a season. Grace was also the oldest man to captain England, aged almost 51 when he played his final Test in 1899.

He scored the first triple century in first class cricket in 1896 and was the first player to score more than 3,000 runs in a first class season.

According to the *Daily Mail*, the Bishop of Hereford declared around the turn of the century that Grace would have rewritten history had he lived in another era.

"Had he lived in ancient Greece, the *Iliad* would have been a different book. Had he lived in the middle-ages, he would have been a crusader," the bishop said.

W.G. Grace had undoubted ability on cricket pitches much inferior to pitches of today but as a robust man with a quick temper and a larger-than-life reputation, he also had gamesmanship on his side.

Grace was once reported to have been bowled out in a minor match but calmly picked up the bail, replaced it on top of the stumps and remarked to the umpire, "strong wind today."

With fans attending cricket in their droves just to see Grace play, what could an umpire do but go along with him.

As captain of Gloucestershire, he once declared an innings closed when he was on 93. When asked why, he explained this was the only score between 0 and 100 he had never finished an innings with.

Outside of cricket he practiced as a family doctor in Bristol. But he made his mark, and a small fortune paid in "expenses," out of cricket before retiring in 1908 aged 60.

He died in 1915 of a heart attack brought on by fear of a Zeppelin air raid.



THE FATHER OF MODERN CRICKET – W.G. Grace.

Swans' victory hollow as captain lost to injury

MELBOURNE (AP) – Sydney's hopes for an Australian Football League title were dealt a blow yesterday when captain Paul Kelly suffered knee ligament damage in the Swans' Australian Rules football win.

With spearhead Tony Lockett at his best in kicking 12 goals, the Swans' 18.10 (118) to 12.12 (84) win over Port Adelaide should have been cause for celebration.

But Sydney coach Rodney Eade confirmed after the match that Kelly was almost certainly out for the rest of the year.

"It looks like it's probably the worst, it's probably a cruciate," Eade said. "We'll probably find out tomorrow, so it'll be a reconstruction."

In other matches yesterday, North Melbourne beat the West Coast Eagles 13.16 (94) to 11.14 (80) and Essendon defeated Richmond 14.10 (94) to 10.15 (75).

On Saturday, Melbourne scored a 23-point win over Fremantle, 16.10 (106) to 13.5 (83).

The Western Bulldogs kicked 11.2 to 1.1 in the opening quarter en route to a 91-point win over Brisbane, beating the Bears 27.15 (177) to 13.8 (86). St. Kilda put an end to Geelong's post-season hopes with a 15.10 (100) to 10.16 (76) win over the Cats.

Collingwood kept its season alive while virtually consigning Hawthorn to last place in the league after thrashing the Hawks by 86 points.

In front of some 40,000 fans, the Magpies produced one of their best performances in what has been a difficult season, winning 19.10 (124) to 4.14 (38).

On Friday, Carlton made up a 25-point quarter-time deficit to beat Adelaide by four points. The winners booted 15 goals after the first break to win 16.9.(105) to 16.5.(101).

Weekend results: Sydney 18.10 (118) def. Port Adelaide 12.12 (84), North Melbourne 13.16 (94) def. West Coast 11.14 (80), Essendon 14.10 (94) def. Richmond 10.15 (75), Collingwood 19.10 (124) def. Hawthorn 4.14 (38), Western Bulldogs 27.15 (177) def. Brisbane 13.8 (86), St. Kilda 15.10 (100) def. Geelong 10.16 (76), Melbourne 16.10 (106) def. Fremantle 13.5 (83), Carlton 16.9 (105) def. Adelaide 16.5 (101).

Europe's top clubs meet to discuss breakaway super league - report

LONDON (AP) – The owners of several of Europe's top soccer clubs reportedly met in secret yesterday with a view to forming their own breakaway Super League in the 2000-2001 season.

According to reports in Germany and England, the main movers behind the idea were powerhouses AC and Inter Milan, Juventus, Real Madrid, FC Barcelona, Paris St. Germain, Ajax Amsterdam, Manchester United and Bayern Munich.

The Sunday edition of the German publication *Bild* reported that Bayern Munich's vice president, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, and general manager Uli Hoeness flew to the gathering.

The meeting apparently was held somewhere in London but, according to the *Sunday Telegraph*, it was so secret that the clubs wouldn't even admit it was taking place.

The Premier League, which runs the 20-club top flight in England, said it knew of no such meeting. "It sounds like another bout of speculation," said a spokesman.

The idea of a Super League, which would effectively undermine UEFA's own competitions, has been around for two decades.

The reports said that the richest clubs would prefer the concept of playing each other on a regular and lucrative basis rather than travelling to remote eastern European locations to play first round elimination games which attract very little revenue.

Aware of what damage it would do to the Champions Cup, UEFA has already taken steps to try and stop a Super League taking shape.

Four seasons ago it changed the format to bring in a group structure at the mid-point of the competition and even went as far as changing the name of the tournament to Champions League.

To make it more attractive to the big clubs, UEFA then altered the rules so that runners up in the high profile leagues would also take part. That opened up the prospect of the Champions Cup being won by a team which hadn't won its national championship.

The latest move is to change the league format from six groups of four to four groups of six to ensure even more matches and make it even more of a league structure.

After the group stage, the competition reverts to the knockout formula from the quarterfinal onwards.

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SPORTS
in brief

Doohan gets 50th win at German GP

SACHSENRING, Germany (Reuters) – Four times world champion Michael Doohan dominated the German 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix yesterday to chalk up the 50th victory of his career.

The Australian who rode his Honda in solitary splendor for much of the race at the twisting east German Sachsenring track.

Italy's Max Biaggi, who set pole position but never got out front in the race, was second while Spain's Alex Criville completed a Honda sweep after Yamaha's New Zealander Simon Crafar crashed on lap 12.

Intertoto woe for Crystal Palace

LONDON (Reuters) – English first division club Crystal Palace face a tough task to stay in the Intertoto Cup after going down 2-0 to Turkish side Samsunspor in their third round first leg match at Selhurst Park yesterday.

A farcical first goal and a cruelly-deflected free kick gifted the Turkish second division side with a comfortable two-goal cushion for the return leg next Saturday.

The visitors capitalized on a terrible mix up between Palace goalkeeper Kevin Miller and Anthony Folan to grab a 14th-minute lead through Ugur Dagdelen.

Palace, playing in front of an unexpectedly large crowd of around 9,000, did little to impress and the players were probably grateful that new coach Terry Venables was absent. The former England boss is still on holiday.

The Turks' second goal came in the 56th minute when a wickedly deflected free-kick sent Miller the wrong way.

Samsunspor also missed a late penalty.

Iranian wrestlers to compete in New York

TEHRAN (AP) – Iranian wrestlers will compete in the Goodwill Games which opened yesterday in New York, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Media reports had said earlier that Iran would boycott the games. But the Iranian Wrestling Federation said not participating would harm the country's standing in the wrestling world, the daily *Iran News* said.

IRNA said that in addition to the Goodwill Games in New York City, the wrestlers also will participate in international youth free-style competition in Nevada starting August 6.

Martinez crushes Farina to win Warsaw cup

WARSAW (Reuters) – Former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez blitzed Italian Silvia Farina 6-0 6-3 yesterday to win the $165,250 Warsaw Cup women's tennis tournament.

In Sicily, top seed Patty Schnyder of Switzerland beat the No. 4, Austrian Barbara Schett 6-1 5-7 6-2 to win the $107,000 Palermo International women's clay court event.

Jones adds WBA title to WBC light-heavy crown

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Roy Jones Jr shrugged off an eighth-round knockdown – the first of his career – to win a unanimous 12-round decision over Lou Del Valle and add the World Boxing Association light heavyweight title to his World Boxing Council crown on Saturday.

Jones, who had harbored fantasies of moving up to heavyweight, constantly punished Del Valle throughout the fight, including an accidental head butt in the seventh round that opened up a nasty cut over Del Valle's left eye.

Thompson retains WBO cruiserweight crown

SHEFFIELD (Reuters) – Carl Thompson stopped fellow Briton Chris Eubank to retain his World Boxing Organization (WBO) cruiserweight title on Saturday.

The fight was stopped before the scheduled start of the 10th round after Thompson's heavy punches had left Eubank's left eye closed and swollen as they had in their previous title fight just three months earlier.

Eubank had to be taken to hospital for a brain scan after the first fight in Manchester on April 18 having gone the distance with Thompson, who won that bout on a unanimous points decision.

This time the ringside doctor intervened and the fight was ended, the first time former world champion Eubank had been stopped in a career of more than 50 fights.

Brittle ousted as English rugby chief

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters) – English rugby union chief Cliff Brittle was replaced by Brian Baister following a vote at the Rugby Football Union's annual general meeting yesterday.

Baister won 520 votes to Brittle's 345 to take over as chairman of the management board and immediately offered his support to current England coach Clive Woodward.

The 58-year-old retired policeman said he wanted to heal the divisions currently scarring the administration of the English game and restore relations with, among others, the International Rugby Board (IRB).

The IRB has threatened to expel England because of a challenge to its rules by leading professional clubs through the European Commission.

Although Brittle did not address the meeting, one of his closest allies, Fran Cotton, sprang to his defence, accusing the board of "staggering disloyalty".

Brittle stands down after a controversial 30-month tenure during which he has twice defeated challengers to his position.

Cronje hammers 195 vs. Derbyshire

DERBY (Reuters) – Hansie Cronje scored his highest score for South Africa yesterday, hammering 195 against Derbyshire to give his side a 116-run first innings lead on the second day of their three-day match.

The South African captain ended his side's innings in the 104th over at 453 for nine, and by the close Derbyshire had reduced the margin to 59 runs with all their wickets intact.

Replying to the home side's 337 all out, in which Michael Slater scored a thumping 185, Cronje more than matched the Australian test opener's effort. Cronje struck 23 fours and four sixes in his 200-ball innings and he was especially brutal on left-arm spinner Glenn Roberts who conceded 100 runs from 16 overs.

Windsurfer Inbar claims European title after appeal

By HEATHER CHAIT

Luck at sea but also on land led to Amit Inbar's winning the 1998 European Mistral Windsurfing Championships in Greece on Saturday.

After the 11th and final race, Inbar was lying in second place behind the leader and host country's Olympic champion, Nikos Kaklamanakis.

However, Inbar claimed that within three minutes of the start of the race when no contact is allowed between the entrants and their coaches, the Greek had spoken with his coach.

Inbar appealed to the six judges, asserting that Kaklamanakis's coach had imparted to him important information which had given him an advantage in handling the winds.

After a hearing of over two hours, which ended right before the medal ceremony, the judges decided in Inbar's favor, awarding him his second European title.

Kaklamanakis's last sail was invalidated and he dropped to third place.

The final scoreboard recorded 64 negative points to Inbar, 72 to Gua Rodrigues (Portugal) and 73 to Kaklamanakis.

Gal Friedman, Israel's Olympic bronze medalist, now returning to competition after a prolonged illness, took fifth place.

Major League Statistics

(Through Friday's games)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
Atlanta	3.23	779	308	263	705	12	23
New York	3.50	756	318	298	620	10	21
Pittsburgh	3.61	836	346	290	668	9	27
Houston	3.69	868	350	292	612	6	28
San Diego	3.74	840	358	316	679	4	34
Los Angeles	3.80	793	364	348	694	5	22
San Francisco	3.86	839	376	339	652	5	29
Milwaukee	4.09	870	387	314	624	0	27
Chicago	4.38	885	420	342	713	5	28
Cincinnati	4.41	854	422	341	627	3	26
Montreal	4.43	903	417	293	588	1	24
Philadelphia	4.58	828	426	289	696	7	25
St. Louis	4.67	907	447	326	582	6	26
Arizona	4.89	888	453	311	525	2	18
Florida	4.91	935	463	407	595	1	14
Colorado	5.24	931	494	364	558	2	22

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 9 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
GMaddux Atl	161	122	20	123	13	3	1.57
ALeiter NYM	101	79	37	96	9	4	1.86
Ashby SD	156	138	35	103	13	5	2.53
KBrown SD	149	144	33	140	11	3	2.59
Glavine Atl	136	134	43	95	13	4	2.71
RJMartinez LA	101	76	41	91	7	3	2.83
MReed NYM	133	118	21	95	10	6	2.90
Harnisch Cin	125	102	42	95	7	3	3.09
Schilling Phi	162	139	35	189	9	9	3.11
Neagle Atl	145	131	37	107	10	7	3.17
Hermanson Mon	96	88	30	75	7	7	3.18
Bergman Hou	97	106	27	51	8	5	3.23
FCordova Pit	128	124	31	87	7	8	3.23
Scottlemyre StL	153	133	50	142	9	8	3.29
Reynolds Hou	143	154	38	113	12	5	3.33
Gomes Phi	59	54	13	53	8	3	3.36
Silva Pit	81	82	20	57	6	3	3.44
Hampton Hou	117	129	49	72	8	4	3.45
Wood ChC	106	72	59	156	8	5	3.46
Woodard Mil	80	78	15	66	6	5	3.47
Belinda Cin	45	37	24	44	3	6	3.57
Smoltz Atl	79	78	26	79	7	2	3.62
Lieber Pit	126	122	29	105	6	10	3.64
Dreifort LA	125	119	36	108	5	8	3.73
Lima Hou	137	142	23	99	8	5	3.79
Woodall Mil	73	66	20	39	4	5	3.80
TAdams ChC	49	48	27	53	6	5	3.81
Miceli SD	44	44	18	41	7	4	3.83
CPerez Mon	149	166	32	71	7	9	3.86
Hershiser SF	122	102	55	74	8	7	3.96
BJJones NYM	116	109	31	64	7	6	3.96
Trachsel ChC	124	121	52	96	9	5	4.04
BnAnderson Ari	119	126	18	58	6	8	4.07
JWaldes LA	131	128	49	89	7	9	4.12
Yoshii NYM	102	100	37	70	4	5	4.13
Schmidt Pit	125	131	38	95	8	6	4.16
Karl Mil	108	126	40	60	7	4	4.25
Peters Pit	63	65	30	45	3	7	4.26
Meadows Fla	109	125	28	52	8	6	4.27
Millwood Atl	96	85	33	84	10	4	4.28
LHernandez Fla	142	158	56	101	7	6	4.29
Park LA	116	120	53	92	8	5	4.32
Schourek Hou	62	64	32	44	5	6	4.35
Remlinger Cin	108	103	57	85	6	10	4.42
Estes SF	126	126	65	115	7	8	4.42
JSanchez Fla	99	106	52	73	4	6	4.42
Tomko Cin	124	124	40	94	9	6	4.43
Rueter SF	110	125	38	61	10	5	4.50
Nomo NYM	106	86	63	113	3	8	4.50
Loaiza Pit	91	96	30	53	6	5	4.52
Mlicki LA	101	112	34	60	5	4	4.60
MClark ChC	128	142	31	94	5	8	4.63
AnBenes Ari	141	151	46	88	6	10	4.64
Darwin SF	102	118	29	60	6	6	4.66
TGreen Phi	109	93	57	85	6	5	4.68
Juden Mil	121	121	56	97	7	8	4.73
Eldred Mil	126	148	58	83	4	8	4.79
Beech Phi	91	94	45	84	3	6	4.81
Tapani ChC	128	143	38	85	10	6	4.84
Thomson Col	84	91	26	64	5	6	5.02
JHamilton SD	128	136	69	81	7	9	5.05
Blair Ari	135	154	46	66	4	13	5.11
Gardner SF	114	122	40	76	7	4	5.13
Petkovsek StL	71	82	26	40	5	4	5.17
Kile Col	137	148	75	80	6	12	5.30
JeGonzalez ChC	100	111	37	65	7	6	5.36
Vazquez Mon	109	122	40	87	3	8	5.68
Mercker StL	96	124	32	37	5	7	6.09
JmWright Col	119	141	63	50	5	9	6.24
Astacio Col	130	147	49	111	7	10	6.30

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Colorado	3329	453	930	106	439	.279
Houston	3280	522	912	96	483	.278
Atlanta	3253	506	896	131	494	.275
Philadelphia	3248	435	892	73	416	.274
San Francisco	3320	460	892	77	428	.268
Chicago	3281	482	874	117	461	.266
Cincinnati	3290	409	869	79	395	.264
San Diego	3288	490	863	98	469	.262
St. Louis	3273	462	849	119	448	.259
Milwaukee	3190	415	821	83	397	.257
Pittsburgh	3246	377	829	62	357	.255
New York	3050	390	777	64	367	.254
Los Angeles	3288	416	834	90	391	.253
Montreal	3199	363	805	81	337	.251
Arizona	3236	395	806	102	368	.249
Florida	3205	399	797	65	370	.248

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 235 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Bichette Col	399	56	136	12	78	.341
DeBell Hou	374	64	124	13	67	.332
Kendall Pit	324	53	107	6	43	.330
BJordan StL	325	54	107	15	59	.329
Morandini ChC	335	60	110	6	38	.328
Olerud NYM	305	46	100	10	51	.328
Everett Hou	271	48	88	9	47	.325
Joyner SD	274	43	89	7	56	.325
CJones Atl	365	80	117	25	76	.321
DYoung Cin	325	44	104	9	44	.320
Glanville Phi	403	73	129	7	35	.320
MaGrace ChC	356	59	114	9	51	.320
DeShields StL	289	50	92	3	30	.318
Sosa ChC	366	72	116	36	89	.317
VGuerrero Mon	367	66	116	18	54	.316
Biggio Hou	374	78	118	12	53	.316
LWalker Col	273	56	86	10	35	.315
Castilla Col	381	63	119	29	83	.312
Sheffield LA	311	52	97	16	64	.312
Galarraga Atl	337	71	105	30	78	.312
Gwynn SD	316	48	98	9	48	.310
Allensworth Pit	233	30	72	3	24	.309
GVaughn SD	346	76	107	32	81	.309
Grilllo Mil	344	58	106	7	40	.308
Abreu Phi	293	36	90	6	41	.307
Renteria Fla	365	60	112	1	22	.307
Alou Hou	342	54	105	22	78	.307
Jefferies Phi	342	51	105	7	41	.307
Piazza NYM	330	49	101	14	52	.306
McGwire StL	294	76	90	42	93	.306
RWhite Mon	351	54	107	17	58	.305
Vina Mil	372	61	113	4	21	.304
Taubensee Cin	285	40	86	7	47	.302
BBrown ChC	236	41	71	11	33	.301
Mueller SF	346	58	103	6	35	.298
JLopez Atl	283	40	84	20	67	.297
Rolen Phi	365	64	108	18	65	.296
DHamilton SF	321	58	95	1	23	.296
Weiss Atl	237	47	70	0	19	.295
Aurilia SF	235	38	69	7	35	.294
JKent SF	277	40	81	9	51	.292
BLarkin Cin	323	55	94	9	42	.291
Mondesi LA	374	59	108	21	60	.289
BBoone Cin	367	40	106	11	53	.289
Helton Col	295	45	85	15	50	.288
Relaford Phi	274	29	79	4	25	.288
Fullmer Mon	328	33	94	7	45	.287
Gutierrez Hou	272	31	78	1	23	.287
Dellucci Ari	249	28	71	5	33	.285
EcYoung LA	281	53	80	2	19	.285
Grissom Mil	305	27	87	6	45	.285
DWhite Ari	365	54	104	14	53	.285
JGuillen Pit	327	36	93	7	42	.284
QVeras SD	296	48	84	2	27	.284
Caminiti SD	257	54	73	16	54	.284
TLee Ari	364	47	103	19	53	.283
Ketsay Fla	341	51	96	6	37	.282
Burks Col	319	46	90	15	50	.282
Spiers Hou	236	38	66	2	30	.280
Javier SF	304	37	85	2	38	.280
Klesko Atl	265	45	74	14	49	.279
Baerga NYM	312	29	86	5	38	.276
KYoung Pit	357	47	98	19	63	.275
AFox Ari	259	34	71	6	18	.274
Floyd Fla	351	53	96	14	62	.274
NPerez Col	379	48	103	6	32	.272
JHernandez ChC	254	41	69	14	48	.272
Bonds SF	327	63	89	19	63	.272
Ajones Atl	340	48	92	13	49	.271
Lockhart Atl	267	37	72	6	28	.270
Bagwell Hou	296	71	80	21	60	.270
Zeile Fla	347	49	93	10	54	.268
Womack Pit	400	54	107	2	32	.267
Brogna Phi	333	48	89	13	67	.267
RLankford StL	297	49	79	13	45	.266
Alfonzo NYM	287	45	76	6	39	.265
Lansing Col	358	39	95	4	29	.265
WGreene Cin	302	45	80	11	40	.265
CHernandez SD	245	27	65	7	32	.265
Huskey NYM	298	37	78	11	51	.262
Vizcaino LA	237	30	62	3	29	.262
MWilliams Ari	340	50	89	14	42	.262
Tucker Atl	280	40	73	11	37	.261
Grudzielanek Mon	352	42	91	6	33	.259
Ausmus Hou	239	36	62	4	27	.259
RSanders Cin	275	36	71	10	40	.258
Gaetti StL	266	32	68	8	35	.256
Burnitz Mil	349	58	89	20	67	.255
Stynes Cin	260	39	66	6	19	.254
Lieberthal Phi	293	35	74	8	44	.253
Mabry StL	235	28	59	6	28	.251
MLewis Phi	319	35	79	7	36	.248
McRae NYM	291	45	72	13	40	.247
SFinley SD	374	60	92	8	42	.246
HRodriguez ChC	298	41	73	22	61	.245
JBell Ari	335	52	81	12	40	.242
Gomez SD	274	34	66	2	23	.241
Andrews Mon	292	24	70	14	30	.240
ROrdonez NYM	297	27	71	0	24	.239
Blauser ChC	270	41	64	1	18	.237
AMartin Pit	326	40	77	9	30	.236
Snow SF	264	42	62	10	49	.235
Clayton StL	307	49	72	3	25	.235
Bonilla LA	221	19	52	5	31	.235
Counsell Fla	279	35	65	3	32	.233
Gilkey NYM	237	29	55	3	25	.232
Santangelo Mon	290	41	67	4	15	.231
Widger Mon	303	24	70	9	32	.231
JsValentin Mil	291	45	66	14	38	.227
DLee Fla	248	33	54	9	41	.218

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
New York	3.68	733	330	264	590	9	32
Cleveland	4.01	859	377	314	581	4	21
Boston	4.21	791	391	281	576	8	30
Minnesota	4.22	906	399	245	516	4	23
Tampa Bay	4.37	845	412	374	591	4	17
Anaheim	4.50	893	424	373	638	2	31
Toronto	4.58	907	451	351	682	5	26
Oakland	4.72	886	444	320	528	1	25
Seattle	4.88	906	462	315	699	6	15
Baltimore	4.92	920	469	323	649	7	23
Detroit	4.94	871	452	319	521	2	18
Texas	5.04	959	479	308	579	6	29
Kansas City	5.11	943	481	340	617	5	27
Chicago	5.61	967	531	382	507	2	19

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 9 decisions

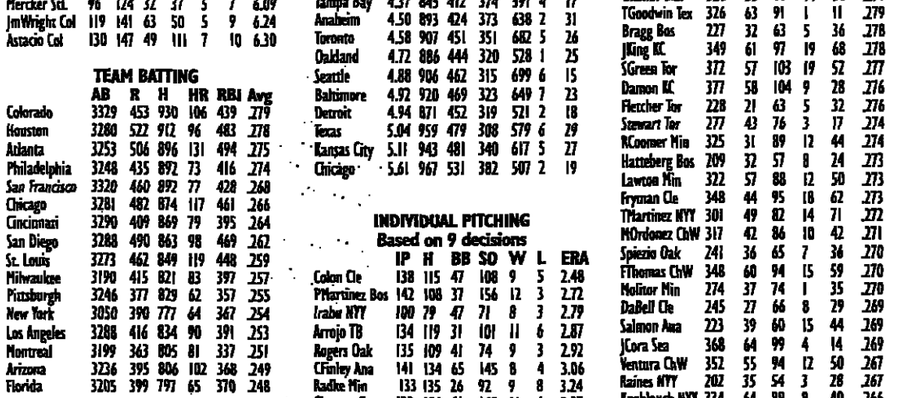
	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Colon Cle	138	115	47	108	9	5	2.48
PMartinez Bos	142	108	37	156	12	3	2.72
Irabu NYY	100	79	47	71	8	3	2.79
Arrojo TB	134	119	31	101	11	6	2.87
Rogers Oak	135	109	41	74	9	3	2.92
CFinley Ana	141	134	65	145	8	4	3.06
Radke Min	133	135	26	92	9	8	3.24
Clemens Tor	133	106	61	140	11	6	3.37
Moyer Sea	142	141	25	92	6	7	3.42
Borbon Cle	126	118	46	85	10	7	3.48
Pettitte NYY	137	134	57	95	12	5	3.48
Moehler Det	131	129	27	78	10	6	3.55
Cone NYY	120	104	30	118	13	3	3.66
DWells NYY	117	105	20	92	11	2	3.67
Mussina Bal	105	91	21	93	7	5	3.67
Taylor Oak	50	48	17	41	3	8	3.75
Haynes Oak	124	127	53	80	7	3	3.91
JrWright Cle	119	118	51	88	9	5	3.92
Rosado KC	100	99	29	78	4	7	3.95
JThompson Det	141	134	45	87	8	8	3.96
Olivares Ana	106	104	60	63	5	6	3.97
Erickson Bal	155	175	41	120	10	7	3.99
Fassero Sea	119	115	38	91	9	5	4.00
WWilliams Tor	125	115	37	100	8	4	4.01
Sele Tex	130	138	52	111	12	6	4.15
Aguilera Min	46	53	7	28	3	6	4.24
Wakefield Bos	137	128	42	87	11	4	4.31
Tewksbury Min	107	116	13	40	5	9	4.35
Belcher KC	134	147	36	86	8	8	4.35
RJohnson Sea	144	132	54	196	9	8	4.44
Saunders TB	113	113	68	107	1	9	4.45
Helling Tex	131	129	53	92	12	5	4.53
WAlvarez TB	65	65	24	51	4	7	4.57
Carpenter Tor	94	99	31	75	6	4	4.69
Milton Min	110	119	36	59	5	7	4.75
Rapp KC	124	135	69	86	8	9	4.78
Saberhagen Bos	95	102	19	53	10	5	4.83
Candiotti Oak	124	142	39	59	5	11	4.91
Hentgen Tor	125	140	46	64	9	6	5.04
Guzman Tor	124	118	54	98	4	11	5.05
Sirotka ChW	130	159	26	71	8	9	5.11
RHill Ana	78	94	37	45	8	5	5.15
Pichardo KC	71	75	33	39	4	7	5.17
Swift Sea	99	117	30	53	9	5	5.35
Hawkins Min	114	130	39	64	5	9	5.35
Oquist Oak	108	116	35	76	6	5	5.47
Stein Oak	72	66	34	58	4	5	5.47
Rusch KC	120	147	41	71	6	11	5.62
DSpringer TB	92	104	48	35	2	11	5.67
Nagy Cle	126	163	39	66	7	6	5.71
Burkett Tex	129	146	29	89	5	10	5.72
Navarro ChW	122	157	48	47	8	10	5.72
Claude Sea	95	109	48	69	5	7	5.74
Dickson Ana	92	110	32	43	9	7	5.87
Ponson Bal	71	85	28	48	3	6	5.90
Bere ChW	83	98	58	53	3	7	6.45
DOliver Tex	92	125	38	51	5	7	6.73
Drabek Bal	88	112	21	47	6	9	6.93
Witt Tex	69	95	33	30	5	4	7.66

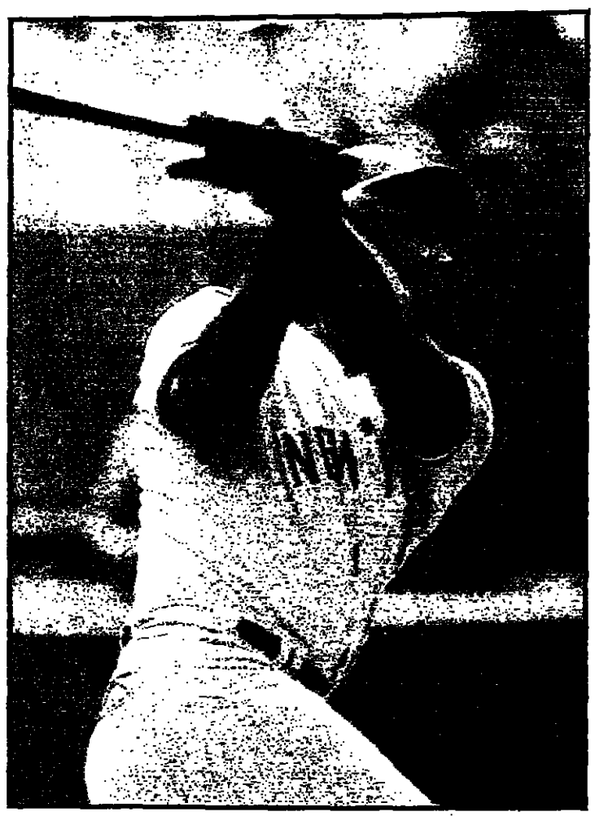
TEAM BATTING

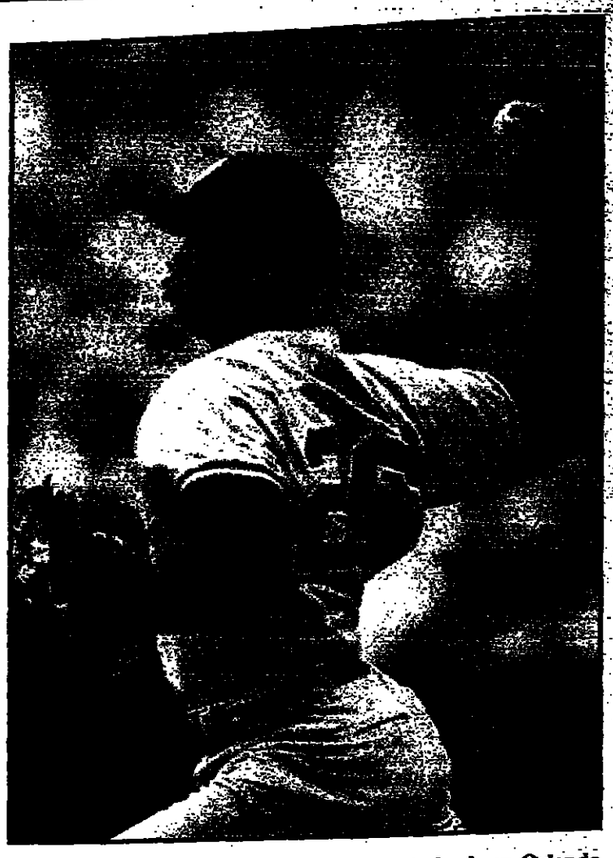
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Texas	3361	547	958	106	514	.285
Boston	3280	506	934	114	475	.284
New York	3108	531	880	100	498	.283
Cleveland	3282	515	915	117	493	.278
Baltimore	3343	485	920	121	465	.275
Seattle	3366	521	925	153	502	.274
Detroit	3206	426	860	99	411	.268
Anaheim	3283	466	881	104	431	.268
Chicago	3294	493	881	113	455	.267
Minnesota	3296	434	878	74	408	.266
Oakland	3254	493	861	84	466	.264
Kansas City	3285	405	868	80	383	.264
Toronto	3351	457	865	124	439	.258
Tampa Bay	3217	333	826	65	308	.256

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 235 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
BWilliams NYY	224	47	79	10	44	.353
IRodriguez Tex	340	56	117	10	50	.344
Stairs Oak	279	47	93	12	63	.333
TWalker Min	295	50	98	7	35	.332
Segui Sea	342	59	113	15	65	.330
HMorris KC	294	30	96	1	27	.327
MVaughn Bos	342	52	111	23	61	.325
Higginson Det	361	64	116	18	51	.321
Garciaparra Bos	337	61	108	15	64	.320
Thome Cle	330	71	105	24	74	.318
O'Neill NYY	361	59	114	13	69	.316
DJeter NYY	337	67	106	10	45	.315
Caruso ChW	291	42	91	4	30	.313
GAnderson Ana	354	33	110	10	46	.311
Erstad Ana	404	65	125	19	62	.309
Brosius NYY	300	52	92	9	56	.307
Grieve Oak	363	70	111	12	55	.306
ARodriguez Sea	413	71	126	28	78	.305
RPalmeiro Bal	373	60	113	29	78	.303
MRamirez Cle	332	61	100	20	77	.301
WClark Tex	335	59	101	13	60	.301
Griffey Jr Sea	377	82	113	39	87	.300
DiSarcina Ana	318	46	95	3	33	.299
Belle ChW	368	65	110	28	86	.299
Easley Det	362	55	108	19	67	.298
EMartinez Sea	329	50	98	18	62	.298
Surhoff Bal	349	47	104	14	61	.298
RAlomar Bal	367	61	109	9	35	.297
EDavis Ba	232	43	69	13	39	.297
Edmonds Ana	357	66	105	15	52	.294
JuGonzalez Tex	384	64	113	26	101	.294
Greer Tex	342	61	100	7	54	.292
GHill Sea	259	37	75	12	33	.290
Vizquel Cle	349	52	101	0	31	.289
McCracken TB	382	42	110	7	36	.288
TFernandez Tor	272	41	78	6	41	.287
O'Leary Bos	368	59	105	16	54	.285
DLewis Bos	340	55	97	4	39	.285
CDelgado Tor	296	47	84	17	60	.284
LGonzalez Det	320	49	91	12	45	.284
Palmer KC	328	47	93	17	51	.284
Justice Cle	349	59	99	13	53	.284
McLemore Tex	278	52	79	4	42	.284
Cairo TB	293	28	83	4	29	.283
Durham ChW	378	73	107	10	34	.283
Lofton Cle	364	61	103	9	45	.283
Offerman KC	368	55	104	4	39	.283
Boggs TB	237	25	67	5	27	.283
ToClark Det	340	56	96	20	66	.282
MCordova Min	264	33	74	7	43	.280
Giambi Oak	326	53	91	14	56	.279
TGoodwin Tex	326	63	91	1	11	.279
Bragg Bos	227	32	63	5	36	.278
JKing KC	349	61	97	19	68	.278
SGreen Tor	372	57	103	19	52	.277
Damon KC	377	58	104	9	28	.276
Fletcher Tor	228	21	63	5	32	.276
Stewart Tor	277	43	76	3	17	.274
RConover Min	325	31	89	12	44	.274
Hatteberg Bos	209	32	57	8	24	.273
Lawton Min	322	57	88	12	50	.273
Fryman Cle	348	44	95	18	62	.273
TMartinez NYY	301	49	82	14	71	.272
MOrdonez ChW	317	42	86	10	42	.271
Spiezio Oak	241	36	65	7	36	.270
FThomas ChW	348	60	94	15	59	.270
Molitor Min	274	37	74	1	35	.270
DaBell Cle	245	27	66	8	29	.269
Salmon Ana	223	39	60	15	44	.269
JCora Sea	368	64	99	4	14	.269
Ventura ChW	352	55	94	12	50	.267
Raines NYY	202	35	54	3	28	.267
Knoblauch NYY	334	64	89	8	40	.266
SAlomar Cle	263	36	70	5	32	.266
JnValentin Bos	342	66	90	12	39	.263
Cordero CHW	225	40	59	9	32	.262
Nixon Min	252	37	66	1	12	.262
RDavis Sea	289	40	75	14	52	.260
CRipken Bal	362	41	94	7	38	.260
Curtis NYY	290	51	75	8	41	.259
McGriff TB	326	34	84	9	44	.258
BLhamon Det	371	41	95	3	22	.256
DWilson Sea	279	30	71	8	40	.254
Bordick Bal	276	33	70	7	28	.254
DaMartinez TB	299	31	76	3	20	.254
Ftatis Tex	292	33	74	3	29	.253
Meares Min	326	40	82	7	40	.252
AGonzalez Tor	355	38	89	9	39	.251
Stanley Tor	307	46	76	19	40	.248
Carter Bal	274	34	68	11	33	.248
DvHollins Ana	326	52	80	10	34	.245
DCruz Det	238	26	58	3	18	.244
Steinbach Min	248	28	60	8	24	.242
Sprague Tor	336	41	81	14	47	.241
Blowers Oak	279	39	67	6	49	.240
Stevens Tex	235	32	56	13	38	.238
Sorrento TB	281	29	67	14	41	.238
Elster Tex	260	31	62	7	34	.238
Randa Det	287	37	68	4	29	.237
Fielder Ana	337	41	80	15	64	.237
Henderson Oak	346	60	82	8	41	.237
Canseco Tor	322	54	75	24	53	.233
ByAnderson Bal	292	45	67	9	35	.229
Cameron ChW	277	37	61	5	33	.220
Stocker TB	259	28	54	6	20	.208







THE COMPLETE PACKAGE – Yankees' Bernie Williams (l), who returned from the disabled list, homers to back up Orlando Hernandez's pitching in New York's 10-3 victory over the Blue Jays on Saturday. (Reuters)

Don't worry about October

Yankee fans should savor this special team now

MY CALL
BY ROB PARKER

The biggest mistake a New York Yankees fan can make is looking past this season and worrying about October.

In recent weeks, some fans have been complaining about the Yankees' unbelievable start. Some have even wondered out loud if maybe it's not a good idea for the Yankees to win at the record-setting rate they have thus far.

The Yankees – who ended their 11-game road trip yesterday in Toronto – are 68-23 and on pace to win 121 games. If they do that, they would break the major-league record of 116 wins in a regular season established by the 1906 Chicago Cubs.

"People are always talking about winning this or that many games, about breaking the record," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said. "We have a long way to go for that. We're only in July right now, so that's a bit premature."

Of course, the goal is winning the World Series. But at this point, the focus shouldn't be on the Fall Classic. It should be on the Yankees, a team that has the chance to do something extra special. It truly ranks up there with the guys chasing those records long held by Roger Maris and Hack Wilson.

So instead of enjoying what has been – and expects to be – one of the greatest baseball seasons in New York, fans are hooked in on the wrong thing, taking attention away from the real story.

Worry about October in October.

It's a crazy idea that if the Yankees win too many games during the regular season, they aren't going to win the big games come playoff time. How silly.

Many want to look at the 1954 Cleveland Indians, who won 111 games, but lost to the New York Giants in the World Series.

With the Yankees playing better than any other team, the comparison to the Indians has been made almost daily. Some will tell you that winning a lot of games during the regular season doesn't guarantee anything in the postseason.

No kidding.

Winning the World Series is almost every

CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's Beethoven festival continues tonight at 8:30 p.m. at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium, with Maria Joao Pires playing the third piano concerto and Zubin Mehta leading his orchestra in the third (Eroica) symphony and the second Leonora overture.

Klezmer world music will be performed tonight at 8:30 p.m. at the Levin Music Center in Jaffa as part of the Israel Clarinet Festival.



'Boogie Nights' is a funny and sad look at life and love in California.

FILM

It's Chilean week at the country's cinematheques. Chile's film history began with a three-minute documentary on firefighters in 1902. Since then the story of Chilean filmmaking is one of feast or famine, and it's been difficult to document or preserve old films because of that country's troubled politics and lack of facilities. Nonetheless, today's directors draw on a long and rich artistic tradition. The six films represent different periods and are by different directors. They include *Julio Comienza en Julio* (Julio Starts with Julio) by Silvio Caiozzi from 1976, *La Rubia de Kennedy* (Kennedy's Blonde) by Arnaldo Valsecchi, 1995, and *Historias de Futbol*, 1997 by Andres Wood. Call your local cinematheque for times.

– *Helen Kaye*

★★★★ BOOGIE NIGHTS – Paul Thomas Anderson's picture, about the Southern California porn industry in the late Seventies and early Eighties, is a live-wire piece of moviemaking – funny, searching and often quite sad. The film has, too, its creator's ambition and precocity to recommend it: at age 26, with just one other movie (*Hard Eight*) to his credit, Anderson has a fuller and more nuanced vision of how to spin a rich web of characters, create convincing period atmosphere and tell a story than many directors twice his age. There is, to be sure, something inherently ironic about treating the seamy, small-time world of flesh-film production as epic, but Anderson is careful not to exploit his sensational material. He neither moralizes nor glamorizes. Instead, he brings the wits of a clever anthropologist to bear on his characters' coke-snorting, dumb talk and casual sex. The movie falls off a bit in the second half, but still marks a dynamic start to Anderson's career. With Burt Reynolds, Julianne Moore, Mark Wahlberg and a large, talented supporting cast. (Children under 18 not admitted: ID will be checked)

– *Adina Hoffman*

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Following its wall-to-wall World Cup coverage, Channel 1 is bravely getting back into the rat race of summer programing. In the documentary series *Up To 30* (airing tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11) director Haim Gil meets young people – hence the name of the series – who lead a particularly interesting life, or whose point of view sheds light on Israeli society from a different angle. In tonight's episode, Gil meets Barak Michel, a promising young choreographer just graduating from Harvard who speaks of coming home to Israel and racial politics.

In these times you cannot AFFORD to be without
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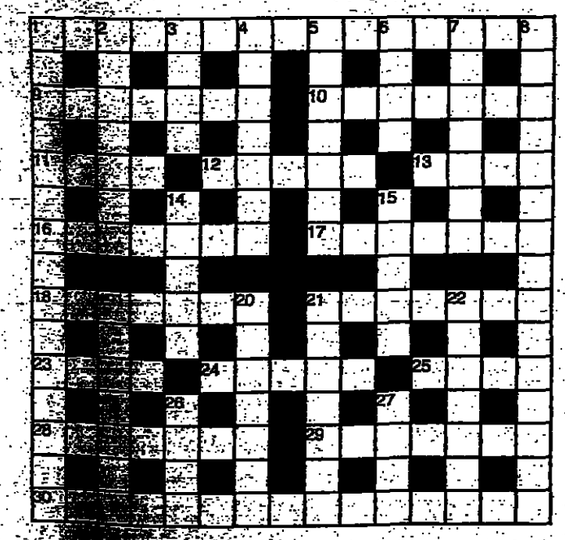
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Simmer with emotion and give a little cry, offered leftovers? (6,3,6)
9 Entertain with port (7)
10 Twin cats? (7)
11 Man placed in line-out (4)
12 Act, but wrong to be unsure (5)
13 Some dress—a rich Indian wears it (4)
16 Muster for duty to clear lumber (4,3)
17 Useful fund could be within one's clutch (4,3)
18 Time passes so, as sleep is problematic (7)
21 Almost demonstrate one's old condition (7)
23 Squint at performers (4)
24 Rudely brief, securing love to woo (5)
25 Second child has a slide (4)
28 Casual dress 11 messed up with egg (7)
29 Chime popular with one opera composer (7)
30 Hopeful gets into trouble with spoken blunder (4,2,3,6)

DOWN

1 Responsible for tantrums out of public view? (6,3,6)
2 Scottish playwright runs into block (7)
3 Student returns low mill machine (4)
4 Bearing left for Luton, say (7)
5 Refuse to enter this collectors' item (7)
6 Landing place sounds important (4)
7 Leave out note for lift (7)
8 Guarding merry-making, as watch should be? (7,4,4)
14 Promote sale initially in appropriate part of car (5)
15 Charm initially unwanted for race meeting (5)
19 Fool, for example, over excellent weapon (7)
20 Drunkard one's interrupted very quickly (7)
21 eg Sower quietly going over ploughed land (7)
22 Some idea that sepia has connection with fish (7)
26 King converted oil to metric quantity (4)
27 He may have some ethereal top notes (4)



SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Habitual, 5 Lyre, 8 Deadened, 9 Flea, 11 Delectation, 14 Hit, 16 Gamin, 17 Gut, 18 Declaration, 21 Nail, 22 Assemble, 24 Tidy, 25 Brussels.

DOWN: 1 Hide, 2 Bland, 3 Theologian, 4 Aye, 6 Yelling, 7 Eternity, 10 Jamittness, 12 Comma, 13 Whodunit, 15 Tickled, 19 Noble, 20 Less, 23 Sir.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Entirely (6)
4 Commands (6)
7 Helper (9)
9 Bewildered (4)
10 Ring (4)
11 Ladies' wear (5)
13 Sea food (6)
14 Shelter (6)
15 Outside covering (6)
17 Tells tales (6)
19 Tap (5)
20 Soon (4)
22 Nobleman (4)
23 Nanny (9)
24 Alcove (6)
25 Tension (6)

DOWN

1 Tree (6)
2 Final (4)
3 Hunter's cry (6)
4 Water animals (6)
5 Make a hollow in (4)
6 Stained (6)
7 Slander (9)
8 Endured (6)
11 US Mammal (5)
12 Ponder (5)
15 Large hole (6)
16 Knowledge (6)
17 Rascals (6)
18 Leftovers (6)
21 Naked (4)
22 Jetty (4)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Animation
8:45 Hobbardy Dick
10:10 Hot Shots
10:35 Deepwater Haven
11:00 Time Exposures
11:25 Hot Science
11:50 Platius
12:00 Vacation TV
14:30 Star Trek - Deep Space 9
15:15 Spaceship Earth

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Zap Free
15:35 X Men
15:55 Zap Country vacation
16:05 Lassie
16:30 Zap Chevrolet Festival
16:45 Zap Seaside Vacation
16:59 New Evening
17:35 Zap Free
17:50 USA High
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Sport
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 A Moment in Lile
19:35 Cosby
20:00 News
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:35 Popolitica
23:00 Up to 30
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's Programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Animation
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:43 This Morning
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Rich Man Poor Man
10:50 Scooby Doo
11:16 Dumb and Dumber Animated
11:40 Top Secret
12:10 Johnny Quest
12:33 Ellen Cleghorne
13:00 My Secret Identity
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Major Dad
15:28 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
18:00 The World's Dumbest Criminals
18:05 Relativity
19:00 Walker Texas Ranger
20:00 News
20:30 An Unusual Evening
21:37 Blind Date
22:14 On the Map
23:21 Pinhas's Dream – when Pinhas immigrated to Israel from Kurdistan in 1951, his sister stayed behind with her Moslem boyfriend. Almost 50 years later, Pinhas made the hazardous trip to his homeland to meet his sister, and returned to Israel with more than 30 of her descendants
00:00 News
00:05 Pinhas's Dream – cont.
00:37 Tarzan the Ape Man (1959) – the man of the jungle saves Jane and her father from death. With Dennis Miller and Joanna Barnes
2:34 Story Tellers Festival
3:15 Anything But Love
3:39 Arad Festival '97
4:04 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Barney's Friends
15:30 The Worst Day of My Life
16:00 Neighbors
16:30 The Last Frontier
17:00 Thalassa
18:00 Acapulco Bay
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 Cinque et Cinque
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Hope and Gloria
20:00 Perspective
20:30 War Lords
21:10 Rescue Force 991
22:00 News in English
22:30 Law & Order
23:10 Bay Watch Nights

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Flying House
17:20 McGee and I
17:45 Major Dad
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 NHL - Detroit vs Dallas
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons
16:45 Amores
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Auto Classics
20:00 Entertainment Now
20:30 Great Romances of the Twentieth Century
21:00 News
21:30 Un Singe en Hiver (French, 1961) – Jean-Paul Belmondo stars in this classic about a restless young rebel
23:10 Jazz into the Night

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Boogie's Diner
16:00 Summer Studio
16:45 Local Pop
17:00 Charlotte
17:30 Didavision
18:00 Zombit
18:30 Today's Health
19:00 Nature of Healing
19:30 Mind Your Language
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 A Woman's Angle
21:00 Powder Room
22:00 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
22:45 Assignment Adventure

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 ETV: Celebrity Sports
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 The John Larroquette Show
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 The Other Half (rpt)
18:00 Trivia King (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Seinfeld – repeat of the special pre-finale episode with the greatest moments of the series
21:00 Seinfeld – repeat of the famous final episode where Jerry and George close a deal with NBC and set out on a trip that winds up in jail
22:00 Suddenly Susan
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Sentinel
00:30 Babylon 5
1:20 The Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Salomonico (Hebrew, 1972) – classic comedy by Alfred Steinhardt about the cultural gaps between Sephardim and Ashkenazim. A Sephardi porter moves into a new home in northern Tel Aviv where he must learn to live with his Ashkenazi neighbors and in-laws. With Ruven Bar-Yotan and Gabi Amrani
13:10 Follow Me Quietly (1949) – well crafted film noir about the police hunt after a psychotic serial killer nicknamed the Judge who strikes in the rain. With William Lundigan, Dorothy Patrick and Jeff Corey
14:15 They Live By Night (1949) – director Nicholas Ray's brilliant debut, set in the 1930s, about two lovers who become fugitives from the law. With Farley Granger, Cathy O'Donnell and Howard Da Silva
15:55 Harvest of Fire (1996) – an FBI agent investigates a series of arson incidents in an Amish community and learns something about her own life in the course of her stay. With Lolita Davidovich and Patty Duke
16:35 Evening Class (1993) – short film about an encounter between a housewife and a young black man during an evening class
18:10 Jack Reed: One of Our Own (1995) – Brian Dennehy returns as policeman Reed who this time protects a young woman who was almost murdered and learns that a corrupt official ordered her death after she uncovered corruption at city hall. With Charles Dutton and Susan Ruttan
19:40 Renegade
20:25 Never Give Up: The Jimmy V (1996) – biopic of basketball coach Jimmy Valvano who led North Carolina to the 1983 championship but was fired after exposing corruption on the team. With Anthony LaPaglia
22:00 Crime of the Century (1992) – docudrama following the the story of Richard Hauptmann, who was wrongfully convicted and executed for the sensational kidnapping and murder of the Lindburgh baby. With Stephen Rea, Isabella Rossellini, J.T. Walsh and Michael Moriarty
23:50 Fugitive Among Us (1992) – a policeman hunts down an escaped rapist with the reluctant help of one his victims. Peter Strauss, Eric Roberts and Elizabeth Peña
1:30 The Bad Pack (1996) – a mercenary and his team of crack fighters are hired to rid a small town of an extremist militia which makes everyone's lives unbearable
3:00 Roots of Evil (1993, 95 mins.) – erotic drama about a couple going through marital difficulties who play host for a night to a friend and his latest girlfriend. With Griffin Dunne.

■ CHILDREN (9)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 The Muddles
8:30 Ormel
9:00 The Smurfs
9:35 Ninja Turtles
10:05 Zorro
10:45 Twins of Destiny
11:05 Hot-Air Balloon
11:15 Viewer's choice comedy
12:00 Sweet Valley High
12:30 The Secret World of Alex
13:00 Bobby's World
13:25 Power Rangers
13:45 Helen and the Boys
14:10 Chiquitas
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:35 Zorro
16:05 Twins of Destiny
16:35 Hot-air Balloon
16:45 Viewers' choice
17:35 Sweet Valley High
18:00 The Secret World of Alex
18:30 Ormel
19:00 The Smurfs
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Naked In New York (1994) – comedy about an up-and-coming playwright who is torn between his New York career and his girlfriend in Boston's Ivy league. With Eric Stoltz, Mary Louis Parker, Kathleen Turner, Tony Curtis and Timothy Dalton
23:30 Deception (1946, 107 mins.) – romantic melodrama about a domineering composer and his pianist wife whose relationship is upset by the appearance of her former lover. With Bette Davis, Paul Henreid and Claude Rains

■ CHANNEL 8

8:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 I, Caesar: Nero (rpt)
8:55 Wings of the Red Star (rpt)
9:55 Wagner's Ring Cycle: Die Walkure, part 2 – conducted by Daniel Barrenboim
11:10 Igor Strawinsky: Le Sacre du Printemps
12:10 Spirits of the Jaguar
12:55 Far Flung Floyd: East Malaysia (rpt)
13:30 Ultrascience: Forever Young (rpt)
14:00 A Decade in Transition: South America
14:55 Carmen Miranda
15:30 Travel Magazine
17:00 Open University: Return to the Bay of Pigs
18:00 Open University: Portrait of a Family
18:30 Open University: Faces of Culture
19:05 Spirits of the Jaguar, part 3 – Ancient American cultures
20:00 Far Flung Floyd: Hong Kong
20:30 Ultrascience: Forever Young
21:00 A Decade in Transition: Africa
21:50 Over the Rainbow, part 2
22:50 Electric Sides – all about lighting
23:45 Open University: Sexual Imperative; Born Talking

■ STAR WORLD (13/15)

8:00 Nathalie Dupree Cooks
8:30 Fawlty Towers
7:00 Bergerac
8:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
9:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
10:30 Fashion TV
11:00 Fawlty Towers
11:30 Nathalie Dupree Cooks
12:00 Spiderman
12:30 Small Wonder
13:00 Batman
13:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
14:00 The Simpsons
14:30 The Wonder Years
15:00 Due South
16:00 Inspector Morse
17:00 Lovejoy
18:00 Santa Barbara
19:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Due South
21:00 Inspector Morse
22:00 Lovejoy
23:00 Middlemarch
00:00 Bergerac
1:00 Aerobics Oz Style
1:30 Terry Toons
2:00 The Incredible Hulk
2:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
3:00 The Frugal Gourmet Cooks Italian
3:30 Aerobics Oz Style
4:00 Nanny and the Professor
4:30 Small Wonder
5:00 Batman
5:30 The Wonder Years

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:45 USA Direct
7:30 Correspondent (rpt)
8:30 Earth Report: Singapore (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Future Fantastic: Under a Purple Sky (rpt)
11:30 Correspondent (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Extreme Machines (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Wild World: the Firebird
16:30 The World Today
17:30 How Buildings Learn: the Low Road (rpt)
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 Style
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Science World
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 The Travel Show
00:10 Europe Direct
1:15 World News and Business Report
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct
2:30 Correspondent (rpt)
3:30 Earth Report (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

6:30 Pinnacle Europe
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Best of Insight (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Managing
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz this Weekend
11:00 Newsstand/CNN & Time
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Pinnacle Europe
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 The Art Club
19:00 Newsstand/CNN & Time
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A with Fitz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline
2:30 Showbiz Today

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
10:00 Bodies in Motion
10:30 Beach Volleyball
17:00 WNBA
17:30 WNBA
19:00 Xtreme Sports
19:30 The Survivors
20:00 Candid Camera
20:30 Xtrem Olympics
22:00 Swimming – Youth Mediterranean Meeting
22:30 International Journal
23:00 Game by Invitation

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Motorcycling
10:00 Touring
11:00 Cycling
13:00 Cart
14:00 Sports Car
15:00 Live Cycling – Tour de France
18:30 Tennis – Senior Tour
20:30 All Sports
21:00 Xtrem Sports
22:00 Truck Racing
23:00 Cycling
1:00 Boxing
2:00 Darts

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Autschneller: Serenade in A minor (Orpheus Baroque Orch / Gage); Piccinini: from the first book for Chitarrone (North); Britten: Metamorphoses (6) after Ovid for solo Oboe op 49 (Francis); Autschneller: Serenade in F major
7:37 Chopin: 2 Polonaises op 40 (Leonskaja); Ravel: Sonata for Violin and Cello; Hummel: Piano Trio op 35 (Beaux Arts)
8:05 Brahms: Liebeslieder Waltzes op 52 (Robert Shaw Festival Singers / Mackenzie / Wustman / Shaw); Sonata no 3 for Violin and Piano op 108 (Szeryng / Katz)
9:05 Contemporary works
12:00 Light Classical - Mascagni and Leoncavallo
13:00 Artist of the Week – Andreas Scholl, countertenor. Vivaldi: Stabat Mater and other pieces (Ensemble 415 / Banchini)
14:06 Encore
15:00 The Romantic Concerto
16:00 Early music
17:00 Elnahta – Nitai Zori, violin / Gaby Lipkind, cello. Bach: Suite no 3 for solo Cello; Haydn: Duo in D major for Violin and Cello; Bach: Chaconne; Kodaly: First movement from Sonata for solo Cello op 8; Partos: Bedidot for solo Violin; Ravel: Sonata for Violin and Cello
19:00 Rainbow of Sounds
20:05 Britten: Diversions on a Theme for Piano left-hand and Orchestra (Katchen / London SO / Britten); Schubert: Symphony no 5 (Vienna PO / Boehm)
21:00 A Matter of Agreement
23:00 Just Jazz

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	A Moment in Life Cosby News Talk of the Day Are You Being Served? News	News	Beverly Hills 90210	Renegade	Family Matters Married with Children	Far Flung Floyd
20:00			Seinfeld	Never Give Up	The Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Ultrascience
20:30	Popolitica	An Unusual Evening	Seinfeld		Beverly Hills 90210	A Decade in Transition
21:00		Blind Date		Crime of the Century	Naked in New York	Over the Rainbow
21:30		On the Map	Suddenly Susan Seinfeld			
22:00	Up to 30		Ricki Lake			Electric Sides

MOVIES

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE Frank Lloyd Wright 9:15 • **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Grease ∞Mouse Hunt 11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:15 • Blues Brothers 2000 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30 • The Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Magic Sword *(English dialogue)* 7:15, 10 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45 • City of Angels 7:15, 10 • Red Corner 10 • Kissing A Fool 7:15, 10 • Mercury Rising 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Deep Impact 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 10 • The Patriot 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10

JERUSALEM THEATER On connait la chanson 7 ∞The Spanish Prisoner 7, 9:30

RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Mimic 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 11, 5, 8:45 • The Horse Whisperer 6:45, 9:45 • Wild Things 7:30, 9:45 • The Wedding Singer ∞Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Flubber 11 a.m., 4:45 • Mr. Magoo 11 a.m. • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1., 5

MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL ☎ 5700868 As Good As It Gets 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Titanic 4:30, 8:30 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 He Got Game 7:30, 10 • Welcome to the Doll House 11 a.m., 1, 3 • Kundun 5

TEL AVIV

DIZENGOFF Spanish Prisoner 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 8, 10 • On connait la chanson 11, 3:15, 5:30, 8, 10 • Spice World 1 • Kissing A Fool 11 a.m., 3:15, 5:30, 8, 10 • Western 1 **GAT** ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎60811301 Red Corner 7:15, 10 • Grease∞The Patriot 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Blues Brothers 2000 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • City of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 • Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m, 2, 5, 7:30 • Mercury Rising 7:30, 10; • The Magic Sword 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45; 7:15, 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Live Flesh∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 • Mercury Rising 5, 7:30 • City of Angels∞The Patriot Fri. 10, 12:30 a.m. • Blues Brothers 2000 Sat. 7:15, 10; Thu. Sun-Wed. 4:45, 7:15,10 • The Big Lebowski Fri. 9:45, 12:30 a.m. **LEV** ☎5282288 He Got Game 11 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 11:30 a.m., 5, 10 • Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Sweet Hereafter 2, 7:30, 10 • Go Now 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 7:30 • Night Train 5 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 He Got Game 11 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Welcome to the Doll House 11:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:15, 10 • Brassed Off 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • The Thief 2:45 **LIMOR** 6868084 Shall We Dance 6, 9:45 • Empire of the Senses 8 **G.G. PETER** ☎5442141 Red Corner 7:15, 10 • City of Angels 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Magic Sword *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 10 • The Magic Sword *(Final dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 2:30, 5 • Mimic 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Wedding Singer 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30 • As Good As It Gets 2, 4:30, 7:15 9:45 • Primary Colors 9:45 • Armageddon 11:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Wild Things 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞Lady and the Tramp∞Mr. Magoo *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m. • Flubber 11 a.m. **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Jackie Brown∞Boogie Nights 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Great Expectations • Boogie Nights 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 5:15, 9 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** The Hanging Garden 5, 8, 10

HAIFA

CINEMATHEQUE Amistad 7 • Piccolo Diavolo 9:45 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Kundun 7:30, 9:30 • Live Flesh∞On connait la chanson 7:15, 9:15 **ORI** ☎8500056 Mercury Rising 11:30 a.m., 7:15, 10 • Kissing A Fool 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Patriot∞Grease 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15 • City of Angels 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Red Corner 7:15, 10 • Power Rangers 11 a.m. • The Big Lebowski 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Magic Sword 11:30 a.m., 4:45 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Spanish Prisoner 9:30 • City of Angels 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Mouse Hunt∞The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 4:30, 7 • The Magic Sword *(English dialogue)* 9:30 • Mr. Magoo 11 a.m. **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Wild Things 5, 7, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Primary Colors F4:15, 7, 9:30 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:15, 9:30 • Great Expectations 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Armageddon 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 6:45, 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m. • The Wedding Singer 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Mr. Magoo 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 4:15 • Wild Things 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 The Horse Whisperer 8, 9:15 • Great Expectations 7 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 9:30 • Flubber∞Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m. • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:30 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5

AFULA

RAV CHEN The Horse Whisperer 9:15 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Good Will Hunting 7, 9:30 • Flubber∞Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5, 7:15

ARAD

STAR ☎9950904 Great Expectations 7:30, 10 • Mr Magoo 5:30 • Picture Perfect ∞ Mimic 5:30, 7:30, 10

ASHDOD

G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 Deep Impact ∞Kissing A Fool 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • City of Angels 7:30, 10 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m, 5 • Mercury Rising∞Mimic 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 **ORI** ☎8568073 The Patriot∞Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • Great Expectations 11 a.m. • The Wedding Singer 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m., 4:45, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Wild Things 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 4:45

ASHKELON

G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Mercury Rising 10 • City of Angels 7:30, 10 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • The Patriot 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 6711221 Good Will Hunting 7:15, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 6:45, 9:45 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞The Wedding Singer11 a.m., 5 • Great Expectations 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Shall We Dance 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Flubber 11 a.m., 4:45

BAT YAM

RAV CHEN ☎5531077 The Wedding Singer 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m. • Armageddon 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 • The Patriot 7:30, 9:45 • Mouse Hunt 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 • City of Angels 7:30, 9:45 • Mimic 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Boogie Nights 9:45 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* F11 a.m., 1, 5

BEERSHEBA

G.G. GIL ☎6440771 Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 • Red Corner 4:45, 7:15, 10 • As Good As It Gets∞Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Wedding Singer ∞Great Expectations 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. ORI** ☎6103111 Kissing the Fool 10 • The Patriot 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • City of Angels 7:30, 10 • Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 **RAV-NEGEV** 1-4 ☎6235278 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m. • Armageddon 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:45 • Wild Things 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* ∞Flubber 11 a.m., 5 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 4:45

EILAT

EILAT CINEMA Armageddon 4, 7, 10 • Good Will Hunting 10 • The Horse Whisperer 7, 10 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5, 7 **GIL** ☎6340182 Grease 11:30 a.m. • Mercury Rising 10 • Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • The Patriot 5, 7:30, 10 • City of Angels 7:30, 10 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5

HADERA

LEV ☎6343555 Armageddon 7:15, 10 • Mouse Hunt 11 a.m., 4, 6 • He Got Game 5, 7:15, 10 • Good Will Hunting F10 • City of Angels 7:45, 10 • The Magic Sword 11 a.m., 5 • Mulan 11 a.m., 5, 7:30

HERZLIYA

COLONY ☎6902666 Primary Colors 5, 7:30 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Mouse Hunt 11 a.m., 3:45, 5:30 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Great Expectations 7:30, 10 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 4, 6 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 8, 10

HOD HASHARON

GIL ☎ 7408591 Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 10 • Armageddon 7, 10 • Great Expectations 10 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30

HOLON

STAR As Good As It Gets 7:30, 10 • Great Expectations 7:30, 10 • Titanic 11 a.m., 5, 9 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • Mimic 11:30 a.m., 5 • Wild Things 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10

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O'Meara edges Watts in Open playoff

SOUTHPORT (Reuters) – Mark O'Meara became the first player to win the Masters and British Open titles in the same year since 1990 when he beat fellow American Brian Watts by two shots in their four-hole playoff at the British Open yesterday.

The two had finished level on even par 280 after a spine-tingling final round but 41-year-old O'Meara, whose fourth round was a two-under-par 68, had the stronger nerve and the greater experience to prevail in the playoff over the last four holes of Royal Birkdale.

Watts, a 32-year-old who plays mainly on the Japanese Tour, had never been so close to winning a major title and though he kept his composure admirably under pressure to card a final round of 70, he finally succumbed in the playoff.

He missed a four-foot putt on the first playoff hole, the 15th, and after both parred the 16th and 17th, Watts, needing a birdie to have a chance of force sudden death, bunkered his approach.

He blasted out 35 feet past the hole and took two putts to get down, leaving O'Meara three putts to win from the back fringe of the green.

O'Meara rolled the first one three feet past and holed the return for a two-shot victory worth £300,000 ($493,000).

Briton Nick Faldo achieved the same Masters-British Open double in 1990.

"This is an incredible feeling – I love this golf championship so much," O'Meara said. "It is a world championship played on great golf courses and to come home on top is a dream."

"The weather was different every day and that is what links golf is all about, why this championship is so special," he added.

"In the playoff I just tried to hit the ball on the fairway. I felt very much in control. In fact I'm amazed how relaxed I actually was."

The final round was packed with drama involving not just the leading duo but also American Jim Furyk, Sweden's Jesper Parnevik, British amateur Justin Rose and, inevitably, Tiger Woods, who made a desperate charge with three birdies on he last four holes but fell one shot short of reaching the playoff.

American Woods birdied the long 15th routinely, chipped in from 30 feet at the 17th and putted in from 30 feet at the last for a 66 to finish one over par.

Furyk and Parnevik only fell away near the end and shared fourth place on two over with 17-year-old Rose, who chipped in spectacularly at the last, and fast-finishing Scot Raymond Russell, who like Woods shot 66.

There was little in it through the front nine, Watts keeping his composure to match the level par 34 of his pursuers, O'Meara, Furyk and Parnevik, to stay two ahead.

But a bogey at the short 12th where he missed the green hunt Watts and O'Meara took over the lead with his second successive birdie at that hole from 25 feet away.

O'Meara had two more birdies and two bogeys over the next four holes but they were level playing the 17th, which both birdied.

O'Meara's par at the last was routine but Watts, who has won 11 tournaments in Japan over the past five years, struck his approach into an awkward lie in a greenside bunker.

But he blasted out superbly, got a fortuitous bounce that carried the ball to within 18 inches and made the putt to force the playoff.

Of the other big names, US Open champion Lee Janzen of the US finished off with a 70 for 291, the damage to his chances having been done by a third round 80. Zimbabwe's Nick Price, the 1994 champion who suffered a third round 82, shot 72 for 292, 12 over.

South African Ernie Els, the 1994 and 1997 US Open champion, was on the same score, also after a 72.

Titleholder Justin Leonard of the US salvaged his pride after slumping to an 82 on Saturday by breaking par with a 69.

British hopeful Lee Westwood ended a miserable weekend with a second successive 78 for a total of 298, 18 over par.

Tiger roars too late

Woods produced a spectacular finish, but it was all to no avail.

The mercurial 22-year-old American had to sit and watch as his good friend, the Masters champion O'Meara, saw off Watts in the playoff.

A spectacular chip-in from 30 feet just off the 17th green and a 30-foot putt at the last gave Woods two birdies – and three in the last four holes – and for a few moments it looked like he might reach a playoff.

But O'Meara made a birdie from 15 feet at the 17th and parred the last to shut Woods out, and Watts joined the Masters champion in the playoff with a birdie at the same hole a few minutes later.

Yet Woods always suspected his effort was too little, too late.

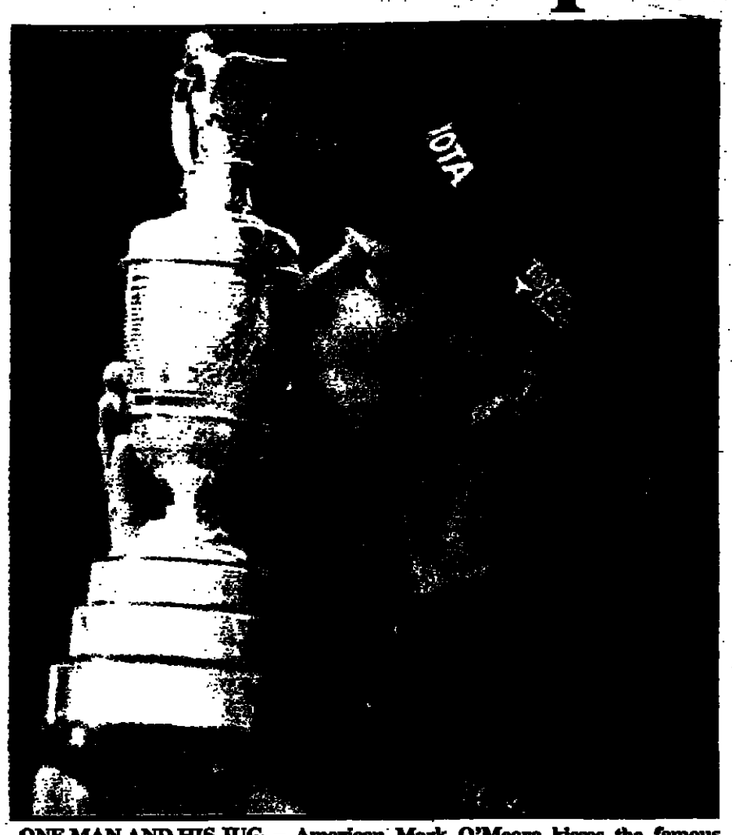
"I knew I'd probably have to get to level par. Ultimately it was not good enough for a playoff. Par was going to be the number and I just didn't do it," he said.

Woods was not too disappointed at failing to add his first major title since he won the Masters last year in such dominant style.

"You have to look at the positive. I didn't do it, I came up short but third place isn't bad. I started out good and finished good and I hit a lot of good shots this week.

"Most importantly I came back today and birdied three of the last four when I was kind of out of it to get myself a chance.

"I thought maybe I'd be lucky and get into a playoff. But then these guys made birdie and so they went to the playoff."



ONE MAN AND HIS JUG – American Mark O'Meara kisses the famous Claret Jug, the British Open winners' trophy yesterday. (Reuters)

Canseco sinks Yanks

TORONTO (AP) – Jose Canseco hit two home runs, including a grand slam, and Carlos Delgado hit the first ball into SkyDome's fifth deck in right field as the Toronto Blue Jays slowed the New York Yankees 9-3 yesterday. The Blue Jays won twice in the three-game series. New York lost a series for only the third time this season, and has now dropped three of four games.

Tigers 3, Red Sox 1

In Detroit, Damion Easley and Bobby Higginson each hit RBI singles in the eighth inning to give Justin Thompson his second straight home win as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Boston Red Sox.

Pirates 6, Expos 1

In Montreal, Chris Peters pitched seven strong innings, Tony Womack got three hits and stole his NL-leading 36th base and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Montreal Expos for their third straight win.

White Sox 8, Indians 1

In Chicago, Mike Sirotka pitched a four-hitter, slumping Frank Thomas hit a three-run homer and the Chicago White Sox used three Cleveland errors to beat the Indians.

Braves 11, Brewers 6

In Atlanta, the Braves scored in each of the first six innings, getting homers from Tony Graffanino and Curtis Pride, and cruised to victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

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Bjorkman seals Sweden's place in Davis Cup semis

HAMBURG (Reuters) – Defending champions Sweden took an unbeatable 3-1 lead over Germany in their Davis Cup quarterfinal yesterday after Jonas Bjorkman beat Nicolas Kiefer in five sets.

Bjorkman, ranked nine in the world, outlasted an erratic Nicolas Kiefer 6-3 4-6 6-2 5-7 6-4 to seal Sweden's place in semifinals where they will meet Spain.

"It was hard to play confidently today because we both had so many ups and downs," said Bjorkman. "I don't think either one of us is satisfied with our game. I just played poorly. He played worse than me. I'm glad it worked out." Sweden's Magnus Larsson was playing Tommy Haas in the final rubber, which was shortened to best-of-three.

Bjorkman avenged an upset loss in the opening singles to 20-year-old Haas. He had also helped Sweden win the doubles on Saturday.

Although Kiefer grew in confidence after a shaky start, he crumbled at decisive moments in the fifth set.

He screamed at his racket and even flung it away in disgust after a close call prevented him from breaking Bjorkman to go ahead 5-4.

Clearly distraught, Kiefer then lost his serve for the 10th time to give Sweden, six times Davis Cup champions, the match.

"What can you do when the officials make such dumb calls, when the ball is out," said Kiefer, who also lost his singles match in straight sets on Friday to Sweden's Thomas Enqvist.

"There were so many strange calls," added the German, who is ranked 27th in the world.

"In every other country in the world, the home team gets those calls. But not in Germany. Don't ask me why. In Germany they're all against me."

Moya is again Spain's hero

In La Coruna, Spain had Carlos Moya to thank once again as they reached the Davis Cup semifinals for the first time since 1987 on Sunday.

Spain eventually beat Switzerland 4-1 after Alex Corretja won the final match 6-0 7-5 against Swiss reserve George Basti but it was the French Open champion who took the plaudits for winning the decisive fourth match of the tie, beating Swiss No. 1 Marc Rosset 7-5 6-1 7-5.

Moya's win gave Spain a 3-1 unbeatable lead. It was the third time he had clinched a Davis Cup victory for Spain and they will now visit Sweden in the semifinals in September.

Poor serving from both players marred the crucial match but Rosset made a staggering 62 unforced errors to give the tie away to Spain.

On Friday Moya got Spain off to a flying start with a comfortable 6-1 6-2 6-1 win over Ivo Heuberger.

Corretja followed up with a 6-1 6-2 6-2 victory over Rosset to put Spain firmly in the driving seat after the opening singles matches.

However the Swiss managed to postpone the inevitable for 24 hours and keep the tie alive into the final day when Rosset and Lorenzo Manta forged a 3-6 6-3 6-4 5-7 6-2 doubles victory over Julian Alonso and Javier Sanchez Vicario on Saturday.

US clinch tie against Belgium

In Indianapolis, Jim Courier, a late substitute, teamed with Todd Martin for a five-set doubles victory that gave the United States an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Belgium in their Davis Cup quarterfinal on Saturday.

Courier and Martin defeated another substitute pairing of Johan Van Herck and Xavier Malisse 5-7 6-2 6-7 (2-7) 7-6 (7-5) 6-1.

Courier replaced Richey Reneberg, who has an injured left knee that requires surgery. Van Herck was brought in for Filip Dewulf, who made it clear following his singles loss to Courier on Friday that he doesn't enjoy playing on the hardcourt surface.

The United States advance to a semifinal meeting against Italy the weekend of September 25-27 on American soil. The Italians completed a 5-0 whitewash of Zimbabwe in Prato yesterday.

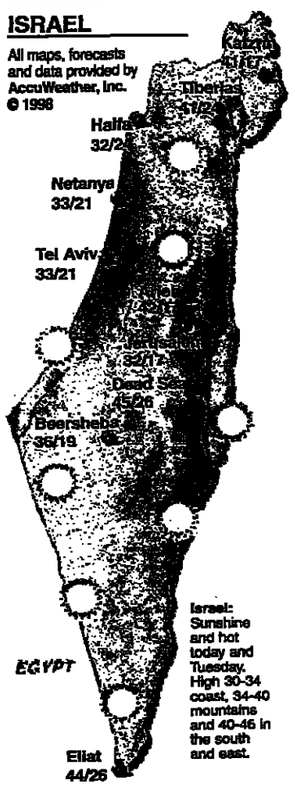
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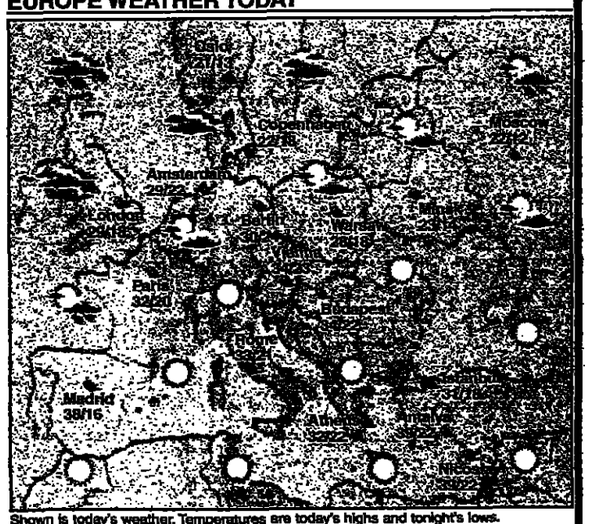
ISRAEL

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Israel: Sunshine and hot today and Tuesday. High 30-34 coast, 34-40 mountains and 40-46 in the south and east.

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Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Tuesday High C/F	Tuesday Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F
Arad	42/107	17/62/s	42/107	19/66/s	42/107	21/70/pc	42/107	21/70/pc
Beersheba	35/97	19/66/s	35/97	21/70/s	37/99	23/73/pc	37/99	23/73/pc
Dead Sea	45/113	28/79/s	45/113	27/80/s	46/115	29/84/pc	46/115	29/84/pc
Eilat	44/111	28/79/s	44/111	27/80/s	44/111	29/84/pc	44/111	29/84/pc
Haifa	32/89	24/75/s	33/91	23/73/s	34/93	24/75/pc	34/93	24/75/pc
Jerusalem	32/89	17/62/s	33/91	19/66/s	33/91	21/70/pc	33/91	21/70/pc
Katzrin	41/106	17/62/s	42/107	19/66/s	42/107	21/70/pc	42/107	21/70/pc
Netanya	33/91	21/70/s	34/93	22/71/s	34/93	24/75/pc	35/95	24/75/pc
Tel Aviv	33/91	21/70/s	34/93	22/71/s	34/93	24/75/pc	35/95	24/75/pc
Tiberias	41/106	24/75/s	42/107	25/77/s	42/107	26/79/pc	42/107	26/79/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

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City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Tuesday High C/F	Tuesday Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	29/84	22/71/pc	29/84	24/75/pc	29/84	22/71/pc
Beijing	39/102	25/77/s	34/93	24/75/s	33/91	25/77/pc
Berlin	30/86	24/75/c	38/100	23/73/pc	27/80	17/62/pc
Brussels	31/88	22/71/pc	24/75	13/55/r	22/71	12/53/pc
Cairo	36/97	22/71/pc	36/97	23/73/pc	36/97	23/73/pc
Chicago	32/89	22/71/pc	35/95	23/73/pc	33/91	23/73/pc
Frankfurt	29/84	22/71/s	38/100	23/73/s	28/82	17/62/pc
Hong Kong	33/91	27/80/pc	32/89	26/79/pc	31/88	27/80/pc
Johannesburg	21/70	10/50/pc	23/73	09/48/s	23/73	10/50/s
London	29/84	19/66/pc	22/71	13/55/pc	22/71	12/53/pc
Los Angeles	31/88	20/68/pc	30/86	19/66/pc	33/91	18/64/pc
Madrid	38/100	16/61/s	33/91	16/61/s	34/93	18/64/pc
Mexico City	27/80	10/50/t	30/86	21/70/t	28/82	23/73/pc
Montreal	27/80	19/66/t	30/86	21/70/t	28/82	23/73/pc
Moscow	22/71	12/53/pc	24/75	14/57/pc	24/75	16/61/pc
New York	32/89	24/75/s	34/93	26/79/pc	35/95	26/79/pc
Paris	32/89	22/71/pc	33/91	23/73/pc	33/91	23/73/pc
Prague	32/89	21/70/pc	38/100	21/70/s	33/91	23/73/pc
Rio de Janeiro	28/82	21/70/pc	28/82	21/70/pc	27/80	21/70/pc
Rome	33/91	21/70/s	33/91	21/70/s	33/91	21/70/pc
Seoul	33/91	21/70/s	34/93	22/71/s	34/93	23/73/pc
Tokyo	29/82	25/77/t	31/88	25/77/pc	29/84	25/77/pc
Toronto	30/86	19/64/t	32/89	21/70/s	34/93	20/68/t
Vienna	34/93	23/73/pc	37/98	23/73/s	32/89	22/71/pc
Warsaw	31/88	20/68/pc	31/88	20/68/pc	31/88	21/70/pc
Washington	31/88	23/73/pc	33/91	23/73/pc	33/91	23/73/pc
Zurich	32/89	13/55/s	32/89	17/62/s	29/79	15/59/pc

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



Cafri, Nahum steal show at national athletics championships

By HEATHER CHAIT

In the midst of a host of overseas visitors, the homegrown talents of Tommy Cafri and Rogel Nahum stole the show on the first day of the 62nd national athletics championships at Hadar Yosef yesterday.

Cafri, who set a new record in the 100 meters earlier this year of 10.37, cut a further three-hundredths of a second off his record last night in the heats and repeated the time in the final.

"I was slightly disappointed not to knock the time down more in the final," said 21-year-old Cafri afterwards, "but I believe that this result places me among the 10 best runners in my age group in Europe."

Winning the 100 meters was Kevin Braunskil from the US in a time of 10:20 with Patrick van Balkom second in 10:23, a new Dutch record. Cafri's placed third.

The darling of the crowd was Nahum in the triple jump who equalled his best distance ever and the national record of 17.20m to win the gold medal.

Nahum cleared the distance on his third attempt after managing 16.88 on his first jump and was clearly elated with the result.

"I love to jump in Israel," he said, "the crowd is supportive and the atmosphere is fantastic. Results like these are very important for the future of Israeli athletics."

Nahum's opponent, Avi Tayrie, had to settle for second place with a best jump of 16.54m.



DISAPPOINTING – American sprinter Andre Cason, the world record-holder at 60 meters and a guest at the national championships, failed to qualify for the 100 meters final yesterday. (Israel Sun)

El Guerrouj just misses 2,000m mark

GATESHEAD, England (Reuters) – Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj missed out by less than half a second on setting a 2,000 meters world best in miserable conditions at an athletics meeting in northern England yesterday.

The 23-year-old 1,500 meters world champion completed the five-lap race at Gateshead in 4 minutes 48.36 seconds, just missing Noureddine Morceli's world best of 4:47.88, set in Paris in July 1995.

With heavy rain and strong winds blowing in off the North Sea, El Guerrouj appeared on target to set a new world best going into the last lap, but he just failed in his third world record attempt in less than a week.

"I am not a machine. I cannot run a record every time. I just try to run as fast as I can. World records don't come when you want them to. They come when God wants them to."

On Tuesday, El Guerrouj set a world best 3:26.00 in the 1,500 meters at a meeting in Rome.

The Moroccan will now rest for 10 days before attempting to better his 1,500-meter record in Paris.

Briton Dougie Walker set a European and Commonwealth record in the 300 meters, clocking 31.56 seconds.

The appalling conditions claimed a casualty in the form of Greek high-jumper Lambros Papakostas.

Papakostas, the world indoor silver medallist, slipped on his approach to the bar, badly twisting his ankle and tearing his Achilles tendon.

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France celebrate double Tour success

MONTAUBAN, France (Reuters) – France, rocked by a Tour de France doping scandal, at last had something to celebrate in the Tour when Jacky Durand won yesterday's eighth stage and compatriot Laurent Desbiens took the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Durand, a former French champion, outsprinted his six breakaway companions at the end of the 190.5 kms stage held in intense heat to win in just under five hours.

"I attacked every day since the start of the Tour... I knew my chance would come," said Durand, who won a stage in 1994 and the prologue in 1995.

His Casino team have now won 43 races this season.

Italians Andrea Tafi and Fabio Sacchi were second and third respectively after the first long successful breakaway in this year's Tour.

Desbiens had won a stage last year in Perpignan but, unlike Durand, had never held the yellow jersey in the world's most prestigious race.

Desbiens, Durand, Tafi, Sacchi, along with France's Philippe Gaumont, Italian Eddy Mazzoleni and Finn Joona Laukka, launched the decisive move after 74 kms and crossed the finish line with a lead of seven minutes 45 seconds over the main bunch.

Last year's winner Jan Ullrich of Germany, who seized the overall lead by winning Saturday's time trial, kept it for only 24 hours. He now lies fourth overall, 3:21 behind Desbiens.

Dunind was dropped from his Casino team for the Tour last year and was eager to prove his team director Vincent Lavenu wrong.

Desbiens also wanted to set the record straight after he was awarded victory last year in Perpignan by the race jury at the end of a hard fought sprint which led to Ukrainian Serguei Outschakov being disqualified.

Desbiens also had his career tarnished in April 1996 when he failed a dope test for the banned steroid nandrolone.

He leads Tafi overall by 14 seconds and Durand by 43 seconds.

The riders had left Brive without the nine Festina riders who were excluded from the Tour on Saturday after their director was quoted as saying doping substances were made available to the team. They all left their hotel and returned home.

Today's ninth stage takes the 172 remaining riders to Pau over 210 kms. It will be the last stage before the Pyrenees.

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